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This issue

No changes have been made to the layout of *Quarterly Regional Statistics* since the last issue.

Table 5, **manufacturing principal statistics**, reflects revised data but 1997 is the end of the road for sub-provincial SIC80-based data. We are working with the 1998 NAICS-based sub-provincial data but cannot tie it back to the old series - even for total manufacturing. Again you should keep the table from this issue for future reference.

Regional boundaries

The geographic basis of this document is the 1996 Census geography.

More Regional Data

Our Internet site includes a general search tool and screens providing a subject matter search as well as a geographic search tool (**Regions**). The regions pages provide a more intuitive access to the many maps that we have on-line. With these changes users can more easily locate our small area data offerings.

The **Regional Index** is now available on our site. This popular regional overview has been granted new life as an Internet only publication. You can get to it from our home page or enter www.regionalindex.gov.bc.ca/ into your browser's navigation bar. Some of the text remains to be updated. the reincarnation of a valuable regional research tool.

We have updated our regional **Socio-Economic Profiles and Indices** available freely on our Internet site. These regional profiles represent a significant resource for researchers, policy makers, investors and students. They are complemented by another product - **2001 Census Profiles**. At the regional district level they are freely available on our web site. Each consists of a cover, 3 pages of comparative charts and tables, and a 14-page data supplement. We have also released additional free profiles for Vancouver Island, the eight development regions, and the 79 provincial electoral districts. The free BC, regional district, and development region level profiles are a highly detailed companion for *Quarterly Regional Statistics*.

Compared to the 1996 series the 2001 Census Profiles feature greatly extended geographic coverage (over 1400 places). Available geography consists of census subdivisions (municipalities, regional district electoral areas, and Indian reserves), designated places (unincorporated places of local significance), census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations (larger urban areas), and census tracts (neighbourhoods in selected urban areas). They are available in our WebStore at a modest price ($5 each) or in the subscription area ($200 per year). Many public and academic libraries in the province offer free access to our subscription site.

http://www.made-in-bc.ca

Our Internet site for the **British Columbia Manufacturers' Directory** is freely accessible. This free site opens up many opportunities to Internet users and the listed firms. You can search for a particular firm, filter the database to all firms meeting your criteria, send us an update of your current listing or a new listing, or place an order for the book or database.

There are several geographic fields which means you can easily generate a list of firms in a specific area. The Advanced Search allows you to combine search criteria giving powerful tools to more sophisticated users.

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General Regional Data Products from *BC STATS*

Census Profile *(Every 5 Years)*

There are a range of similar products for different Censuses and geographies. Eighteen-page profle for 2001 Census. Graphic presentation, some with tables. Mix of free and pay to download or subscription access. See www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.htm

Regional and Community Facts *(Semi-Annual)*

A two- page compendium of statistics including: population; selected Census characteristics; residential property assessment summary; building permits; personal taxation; BC Benefits recipients; E.I. beneficiaries; incorporations; and bankruptcies. Annual data, two pages per region or community. On our Web site for free access. Updated two times a year.

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A series of looseleaf binders, each devoted to one of 28 regional districts, featuring the broadest range of regional data. Some maps and charts. 200+ to 400+ pages per regional district with most data provided for all communities in each region. Annual data maintained so that purchaser gets latest available information.

Socio-Economic Statistical Profiles AND Indices *(Annual)*

A single looseleaf binder, organized by region and providing socio-economic information such as age, ethnic origin, migration, social assistance recipients, crime, education, child care, health, income and labour market activity. Maps, charts and tables. Complete data tables provided in the appendix. Regional Districts and Local Health Areas. Updated annually. Latest edition: 2003. Free on our Web site.

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Regional Index *(now an Internet-only publication, free at www.regionalindex.gov.bc.ca)*

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Census Profile		5 yr cycle	●	●	●	●	●	18	27,000	$5	$2,000 or free on Web
Community Facts		●			●	●		2	350	$10	$50 or free on Web site
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Quarterly Regional Statistics	●	●	●	●	●			6	240	$5	$100 per year (4 issues)
Regional Index		as and when		●	●	●		n/a	n/a	n/a	Free on Web

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Manufacturers' Directory (Annual)

Lists B.C. manufacturers by company name (detailed listing), industry, product, and regional district by community. This publication details 5,000 manufacturers including employment size, commodities produced, export status and a contact name and address. Available in print, as a CSV file on diskette, or searchable free Web-enabled version at www.made-in-bc.ca.

Major Projects Inventory (Quarterly)

Information on major capital projects, listed by development region and status (proposed, under construction, on hold or completed). Includes brief regional profiles and maps. Updated quarterly.

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A monthly release, available by subscription, with estimates of revenues received from room rental by type of accommodation, with a geographic breakdown by development region, regional district and selected urban areas. Seasonally adjusted estimates are provided for development region totals and for accommodation type totals. Approximately 16 pages per month. Available in Webstore.

	Data Frequency		Regions Included					Pages		Price (add 7% G.S.T.)	
Product	Monthly	Annual	B.C.	Dev. Regions	Reg. Dist.	Comm unity	Other	Per Region	Total	Per Region	All Regions
Regional District Population Projection		•	•		•			9	280	$5	$150/ paper CD avail
Local Health Area Population Projection		•	•				•	9	725	$5	$300/ paper CD avail
Manufacturers' Directory -2002	Annual SnapShot		•		•	•		Varies	600	n/a	$45
Manufacturers' Directory - Disk	Current SnapShot		•		•	•		n/a	n/a	n/a	$350
Major Projects Inventory	Quarterly SnapShot			•				Varies	40	n/a	$75 (4 issues)
Tourism Sector Monitor	•	•	•	•	•			n/a	16 / month	n/a	$60 / year

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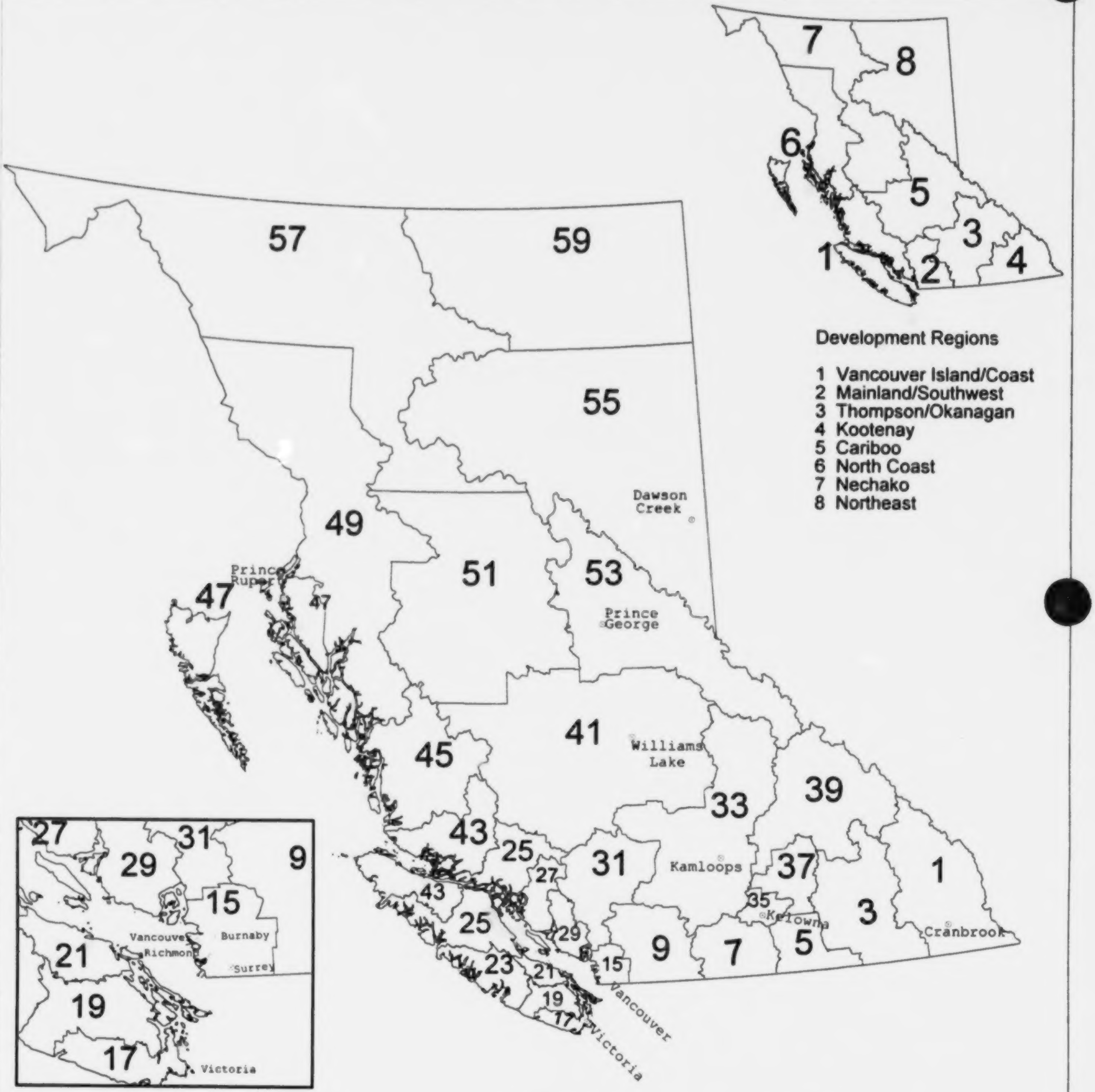
British Columbia Regional Districts
1996 Boundaries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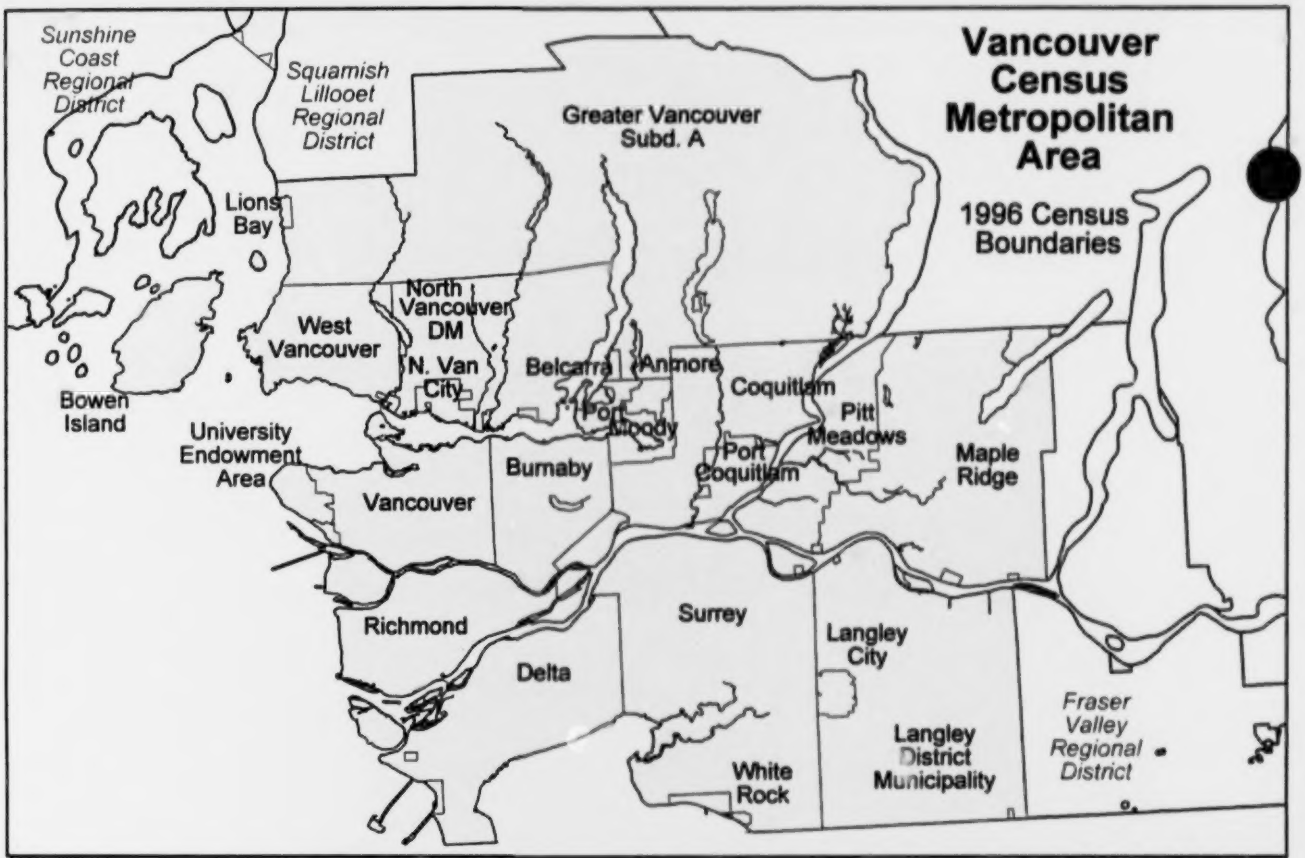
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Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area

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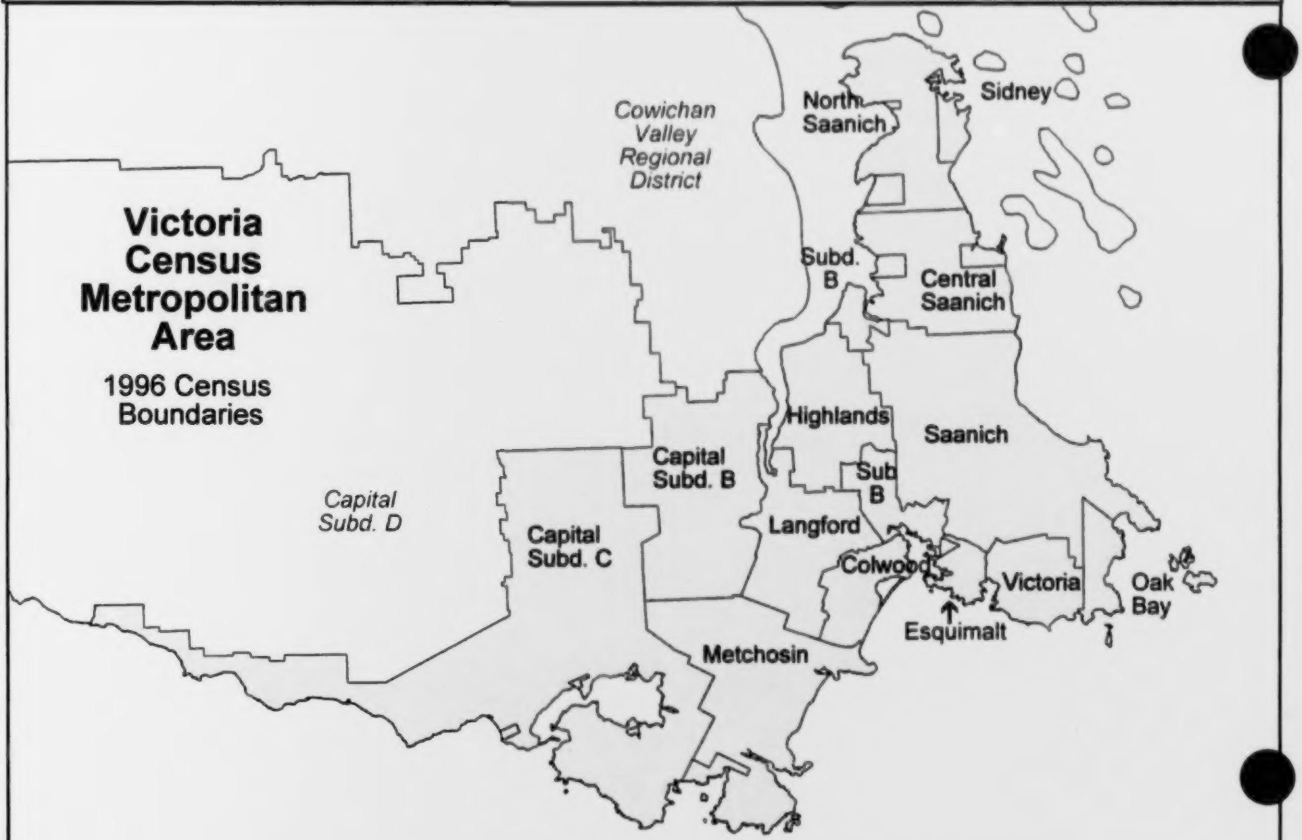
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Victoria Census Metropolitan Area

1996 Census Boundaries

Note: Reserve boundaries not labelled **BC STATS** **Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations**

1 General Economy

Although the services sector is the largest component of British Columbia's economy (as measured by the Gross Domestic Product), the Province is still heavily dependent on natural resource industries. When inter-industry linkages are taken into account, the resource sector is still responsible for at least one quarter of the jobs in British Columbia. Forest-based industries form the most important segment of the Provincial economy. Virtually every community in the province relies to some degree on the industry. Of all manufacturing industries in B.C., wood industries rank first, followed closely by the paper and allied industries. These two industries combined account for almost one half of all manufacturing in British Columbia. Mining is another important resource industry for British Columbia. Coal mining is the most significant activity in the East Kootenay Region, and oil and gas exploration is the major economic driver of the Peace River and Northern Rockies Regions. In addition, there are a significant number of metal mines in the Province. Copper is by far the most important metal mined in British Columbia. Metal manufacturing is a significant activity for some communities, particularly Trail and Kitimat where there are large lead-zinc and aluminum smelters respectively. Other significant resource industries are agriculture and fishing. Agriculture in B.C. is very diverse, ranging from cattle ranching, to dairy, to poultry, to fruit orchards, to wine grapes. Most of the agricultural activity is located in the southern regions of the Province, primarily around the Okanagan and the Kootenays. Fishing is more predominant in Northern B.C., around Prince Rupert, and the north of Vancouver Island. The fish canning industry is concentrated mainly in Vancouver, Richmond and Prince Rupert. Tourism is also an important economic driver for B.C. It accounts for about 4.8 per cent of the Provincial Gross Domestic Product, which is slightly more than the direct contribution of the mining industry. The Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island-Coast Regions account for more than half of travel expenditures, and Vancouver and Victoria are among the top 20 travel destinations in the world.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	British Columbia							Canada	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	173,948	139,103	12,270	5,922	1,175	158,470	100.0%	n/a	-
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	9,414	7,687	540	239	24	8,490	5.4%	n/a	-
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	987	614	62	37	13	726	0.5%	n/a	-
22	Utilities	127	120	19	11	9	159	0.1%	n/a	-
23	Construction	26,640	15,665	1,086	414	41	17,206	10.9%	n/a	-
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	5,736	6,396	998	731	193	8,318	5.2%	n/a	-
41	Wholesale Trade	8,076	8,970	917	367	37	10,291	6.5%	n/a	-
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	11,156	15,879	1,517	740	144	18,280	11.5%	n/a	-
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	8,528	6,627	421	226	68	7,342	4.6%	n/a	-
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	3,033	1,981	245	130	32	2,388	1.5%	n/a	-
52	Finance & Insurance	10,024	4,421	560	216	44	5,241	3.3%	n/a	-
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	23,103	6,492	496	219	23	7,230	4.6%	n/a	-
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	27,137	16,782	931	335	41	18,089	11.4%	n/a	-
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	10,387	2,821	224	130	14	3,189	2.0%	n/a	-
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	8,118	7,024	514	228	48	7,814	4.9%	n/a	-
61	Educational Services	1,557	1,650	173	93	91	2,007	1.3%	n/a	-
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,910	12,217	944	470	129	13,760	8.7%	n/a	-
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	3,358	2,475	219	142	28	2,864	1.8%	n/a	-
72	Accom. & Food Services	5,298	8,904	1,791	916	57	11,668	7.4%	n/a	-
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	9,352	11,851	500	147	32	12,530	7.9%	n/a	-
91	Public Administration	7	527	113	131	107	878	0.6%	n/a	-

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

British Columbia

3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	1,754.0	9.0	908.9	8.6	144.3	7.1
	1995	1,792.3	8.4	929.6	7.9	143.1	8.4
	1996	1,821.2	8.7	948.6	8.0	143.5	8.5
	1997	1,869.0	8.4	971.3	8.3	149.8	7.5
	1998	1,870.2	8.8	979.6	8.1	146.6	8.7
	1999	1,906.4	8.3	1,005.4	7.8	154.2	6.7
	2000	1,949.1	7.2	1,044.5	5.9	153.6	6.7
	2001	1,942.4	7.7	1,051.1	6.6	148.9	6.1
	2002	1,973.4	8.5	1,076.2	7.8	151.2	7.1
	2003	2,023.3	8.1	1,110.8	7.3	155.2	6.1
2003	Jan	1,969.8	8.5	1,090.1	7.6	150.1	6.5
	Feb	1,964.3	8.6	1,084.0	7.6	151.5	6.4
	Mar	1,971.3	8.5	1,083.4	7.4	152.8	6.0
	Apr	1,987.8	8.3	1,089.9	7.3	153.2	5.8
	May	2,002.6	8.3	1,092.1	7.2	153.4	6.2
	Jun	2,017.3	8.2	1,102.0	7.2	152.0	7.1
	Jul	2,038.0	8.3	1,110.2	7.7	154.2	7.2
	Aug	2,052.7	8.5	1,123.8	8.0	156.2	7.2
	Sep	2,050.9	8.7	1,125.8	8.6	156.9	6.8
	Oct	2,051.6	8.2	1,131.3	8.0	156.1	6.5
	Nov	2,045.5	7.7	1,129.3	7.2	156.7	5.5
	Dec	2,053.8	7.1	1,131.9	6.1	159.2	4.7
2004	Jan	2,042.9	7.3	1,128.5	6.1	157.9	5.2
	Feb	2,029.3	7.6	1,120.1	6.5	155.0	5.4
	Mar	2,014.5	8.2	1,116.2	7.1	154.9	5.4
	Apr	2,011.8	8.1	1,113.8	7.3	157.1	4.4
	May						
	Jun						
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	Sep						
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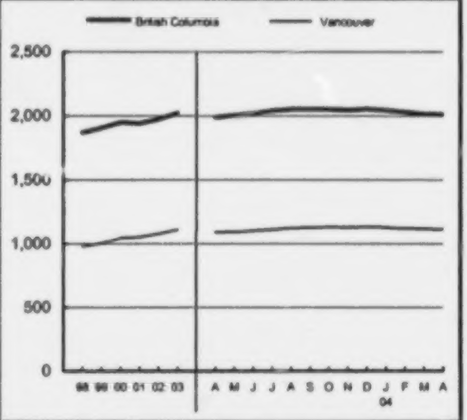
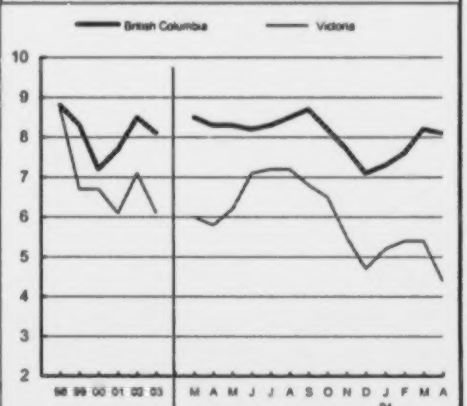
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	1,977.0	8.5	1,086.7	7.4	152.8	6.0
	Jan-Apr04	2,015.1	8.1	1,117.1	7.2	156.2	5.1
	% Change	1.9		2.8		2.2	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



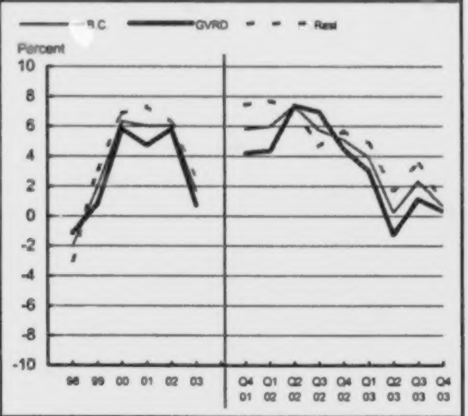
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: Statistics Canada. Based on monthly survey.

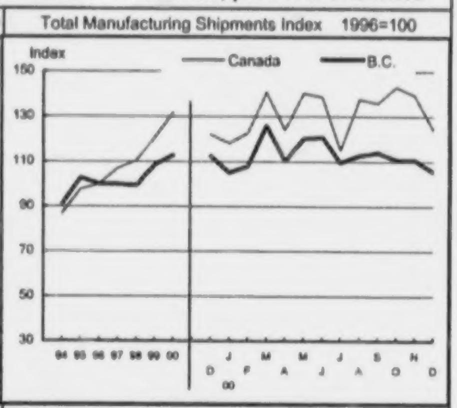
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



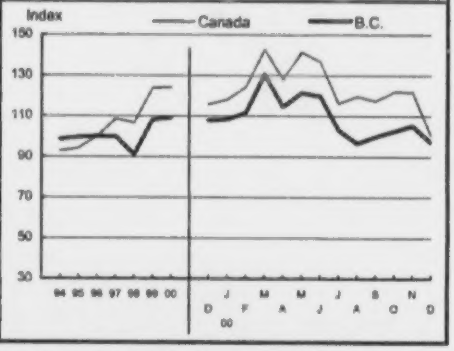
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	291	324	321		
25	Wood	601	714	686		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	264	302	297		
30	Metal Fabricating	547	650	634		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,881	4,378	4,228		
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	3,626.9	3,671.2	3,652.2	3,511.0	3,502.3
25	Wood	11,234.0	11,264.3	11,474.1	10,239.3	12,201.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8,920.0	9,038.8	9,164.0	8,018.9	9,554.5
30	Metal Fabricating	1,554.3	1,725.9	1,814.6	1,877.0	1,953.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	35,040.3	34,096.0	34,582.6	33,890.2	36,994.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	17,467	16,475	16,171		
25	Wood	41,068	38,973	40,357		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	29,108	27,524	27,932		
30	Metal Fabricating	11,246	11,034	12,173		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	150,457	148,528	156,422		
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	588.1	546.5	531.5		
25	Wood	1,904.1	1,840.0	1,900.0		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,416.4	1,371.6	1,399.8		
30	Metal Fabricating	417.1	429.4	477.5		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6,369.9	6,308.9	6,649.9		

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

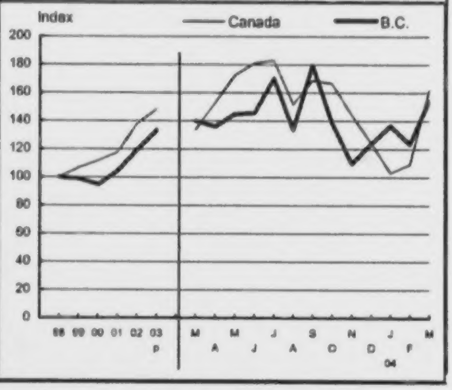


Source: Statistics Canada, published and unpublished editions of 31-203; and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	6,053.1	1,957.1	252.6	20.1	478.6	4,096.0	32,410
1997	5,537.2	1,958.6	285.4	12.2	315.0	3,578.6	28,659
1998	4,739.6	2,022.4	273.3	21.2	438.0	2,717.3	20,943
1999	4,695.9	2,104.0	319.4	15.7	642.5	2,591.9	18,630
2000	4,492.0	2,088.9	295.5	23.3	496.1	2,403.1	15,739
2001	4,954.8	2,124.9	221.4	19.5	732.3	2,829.9	17,542
2002	5,659.4	1,771.3	230.1	24.2	424.4	3,888.1	24,772
2003 p	6,326.8	1,842.9	240.6	18.0	449.8	4,483.9	26,961
YTD Mar '03	1,265.2	341.2	41.5	3.6	96.5	924.0	5,802
YTD Mar '04	1,636.9	369.7	47.2	10.0	60.8	1,267.2	7,669

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

British Columbia

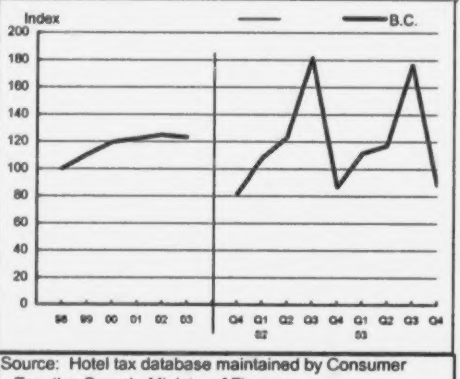
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4
Canada	1999	No data				
	2000	for this				
	2001	table.				
	2002					
	2003					

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,485,615.9	100.0%	76+ Rooms	916,126.5	61.7%
Fishing lodges	18,373.2	1.2%	1-75 Rooms	174,237.7	11.7%
Hotels	1,090,364.1	73.4%	Motels	180,475.8	12.1%
251+ Rooms	437,892.4	29.5%	Vacation Rentals	119,354.1	8.0%
151-250 Rooms	180,830.9	12.2%	Miscellaneous	77,048.6	5.2%
151+ Rooms	618,723.2	41.6%			
76-150 Rooms	297,403.2	20.0%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

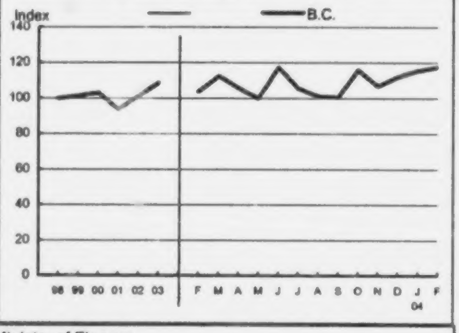


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	23,237
1997	22,958
1998	20,759
1999	21,009
2000	21,386
2001	19,474
2002	20,987
2003	22,531
Jan-Feb 03	3,897
Jan-Feb 04	4,033

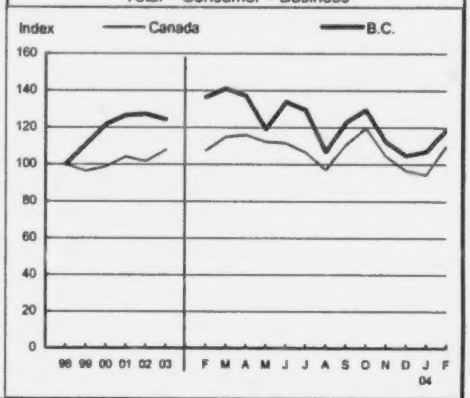
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



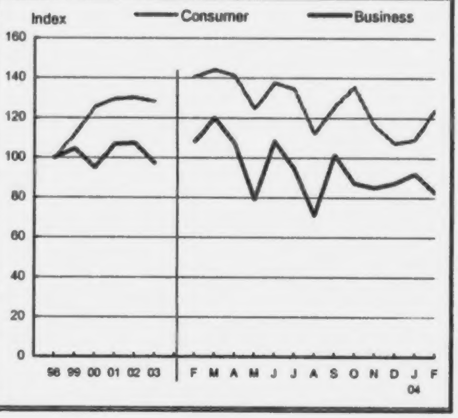
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	B.C.		Urban centres total		Non-urban B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	8,181	1,077	7,325	905	854	170
2000	9,184	980	8,198	828	983	148
2001	9,476	1,101	8,287	913	1,187	187
2002	9,531	1,107	8,319	917	1,208	188
2003	9,385	1,002	8,207	829	1,186	173
Jan-Feb 03	1,588	194	1,393	161	195	33
Jan-Feb 04	1,422	150	1,223	113	199	37

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
British Columbia	Sep '01	5.3	7.8	6.0	4.4	2.5
	Dec '01	5.2	7.5	6.0	4.4	2.4
	Mar '02	5.1	7.4	5.7	4.4	2.3
	Jun '02	4.3	6.4	4.5	3.7	2.0
	Sep '02	3.8	5.6	3.8	3.3	1.8
	Dec '02	3.5	5.1	3.3	3.1	1.6
	Mar '03	3.3	4.8	3.0	3.0	1.5
	Jun '03	3.1	4.6	2.9	2.8	1.4
	Sep '03	2.5	4.0	2.5	2.1	1.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

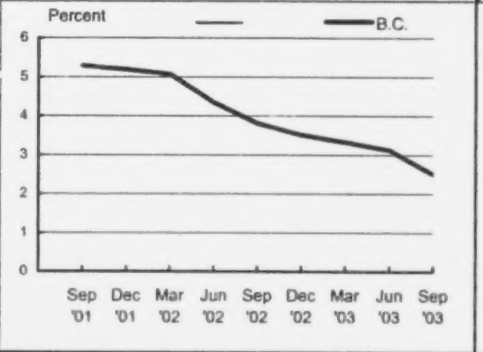
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.8	2.5	3.1	1.4	Sep '01
4.1	3.8	4.5	2.5	Dec '01
4.2	3.9	4.7	2.5	Mar '02
3.4	3.0	3.8	1.8	Jun '02
3.0	2.6	3.4	1.5	Sep '02
3.9	3.4	4.3	2.5	Dec '02
3.9	3.5	4.3	2.4	Mar '03
3.4	2.9	3.8	1.9	Jun '03
3.1	2.7	3.6	1.6	Sep '03

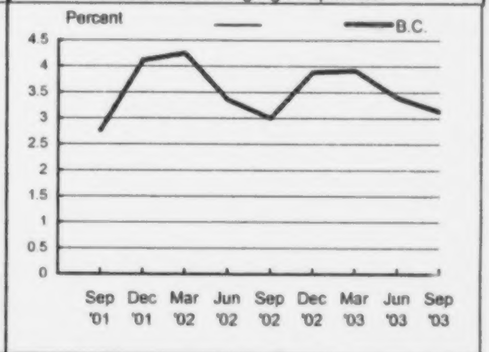
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	B.C.	Canada
Total Number of Recipients	88,462	no data available
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.1	no data available
1-2 Years	14.9	
>2 Years	39.0	

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipientsas % of Total Pop 0-64: Province of British Columbia



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

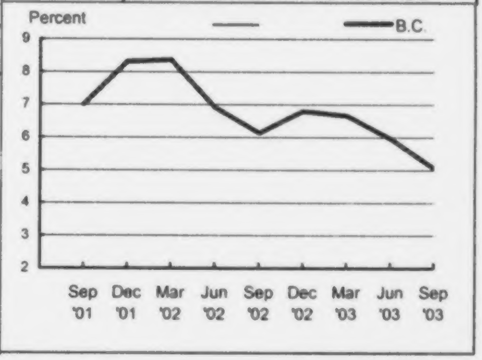
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
British Columbia	Sep '01	7.0	8.3	7.4	4.1
	Dec '01	8.3	9.5	8.7	5.2
	Mar '02	8.4	9.4	8.9	5.0
	Jun '02	6.9	7.4	7.4	4.2
	Sep '02	6.1	6.3	6.6	3.7
	Dec '02	6.8	6.6	7.3	4.6
	Mar '03	6.7	6.4	7.2	4.4
	Jun '03	6.0	5.7	6.5	3.7
	Sep '03	5.1	5.1	5.6	2.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Province of British Columbia



British Columbia

13 Demographics

The British Columbia population is getting larger and older. The major factor driving population growth is migration to British Columbia. The ageing of the population is caused by a long-term historical decline in fertility rates. The baby boom that occurred between the end of World War II and the mid-sixties helped delay the onset of the full effect of this ageing. As these "boomers" reach retirement age, the ageing of the population will accelerate. As the population ages, the rate of natural increase will fall, which means that migration will become an even greater part of population growth in the future.

14 Projection

Interprovincial migration levels have fallen substantially after several years of extremely large inflows. The provincial share of international migration has increased over the last few years and the higher levels are expected to be maintained for at least the short-term. As a result, population growth should persist, despite the drop in interprovincial migration.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

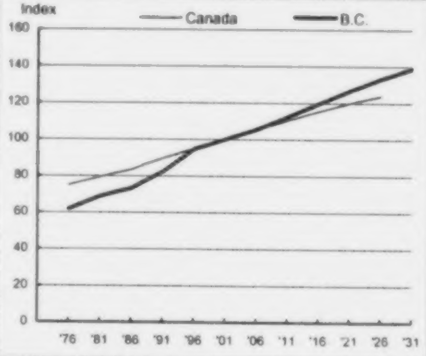
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	177.4	577.3	333.4	699.7	500.8	245.2	2,533.8	849.4	0.492	0.160	0.652	1976
1981	195.0	546.7	377.6	861.3	542.0	301.2	2,823.9	1,022.8	0.416	0.169	0.586	1981
1986	209.4	528.1	340.5	983.4	584.5	358.2	3,004.1	1,157.7	0.386	0.188	0.574	1986
1991	227.9	577.6	326.2	1,146.1	666.9	428.6	3,373.4	1,278.5	0.377	0.200	0.577	1991
1996	242.4	662.5	361.3	1,291.8	837.3	486.9	3,882.0	1,484.9	0.363	0.196	0.559	1996
2001	213.6	676.4	385.7	1,277.8	1,007.2	540.9	4,101.6	1,630.6	0.333	0.203	0.536	2001
2006	202.9	647.1	404.8	1,269.9	1,197.9	603.0	4,325.6	1,794.7	0.296	0.210	0.506	2006
2011	213.7	616.2	411.4	1,309.9	1,369.5	688.1	4,608.8	1,975.6	0.269	0.223	0.491	2011
2016	226.8	608.1	409.3	1,380.3	1,449.7	835.1	4,909.4	2,161.1	0.258	0.258	0.516	2016
2021	233.8	634.6	379.7	1,461.1	1,484.1	1,001.7	5,194.9	2,311.8	0.261	0.301	0.562	2021
2026	234.8	663.7	380.1	1,484.5	1,515.6	1,179.8	5,458.4	2,443.2	0.266	0.349	0.615	2026
2031	232.1	680.7	399.3	1,470.9	1,567.1	1,341.3	5,691.4	2,571.0	0.266	0.390	0.656	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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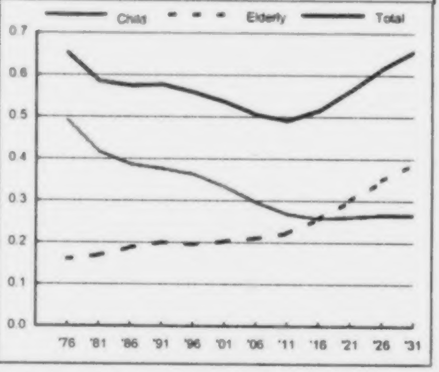


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Capital, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox-Strathcona, Powell River, Mount Waddington, Central Coast

Activities and events in the Vancouver Island/Coast Development Region (DR1) have not changed appreciably from 2002. Resource based activities in the North continue to decline while manufacturing and mixed development continue in the Southeast.

Forestry and fisheries continue to be slow in the North, while mining has increased marginally with coal bed methane exploration and the reopening of Myra Falls (2002).

Demand for electrical energy has continued to grow and will likely result in more generation facilities being built in some areas. Coal burning for electrical generation has begun at some facilities reducing demand on the power from the mainland. In the South, housing and mixed development continues to grow while manufacturing has slowed recently. Tourism is expected to increase at least marginally for the whole development region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

		Vancouver Island/Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)		Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	26,980	23,165	1,859	841	194	26,059	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,683	1,279	106	49	10	1,444	5.5%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	67	41	3	4	1	49	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	13	14	2	1	1	18	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	4,369	2,833	186	43	3	3,065	11.8%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	975	967	93	66	21	1,147	4.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	860	937	63	31	4	1,035	4.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	1,931	2,988	277	127	26	3,418	13.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	1,136	886	47	20	7	960	3.7%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	301	210	40	13	3	266	1.0%	1.5%	2,386
52	Finance & Insurance	1,293	630	91	19	4	744	2.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,559	982	75	25	2	1,084	4.2%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	4,208	2,855	138	32	1	3,026	11.6%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1,546	401	20	17	3	441	1.7%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	1,299	1,150	52	30	6	1,238	4.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	270	266	23	18	18	325	1.2%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	354	2,645	179	95	21	2,940	11.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	516	451	36	19	3	509	2.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	941	1,562	317	157	4	2,040	7.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,657	1,924	71	17	2	2,014	7.7%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	2	144	40	58	54	296	1.1%	0.6%	878

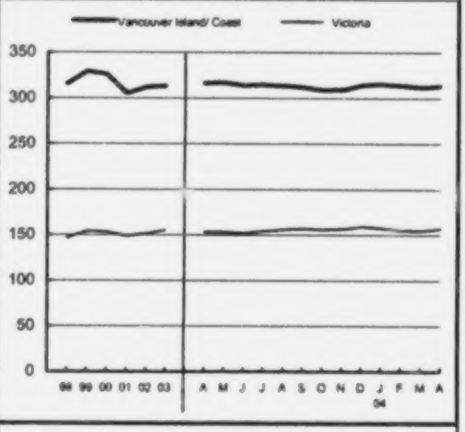
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

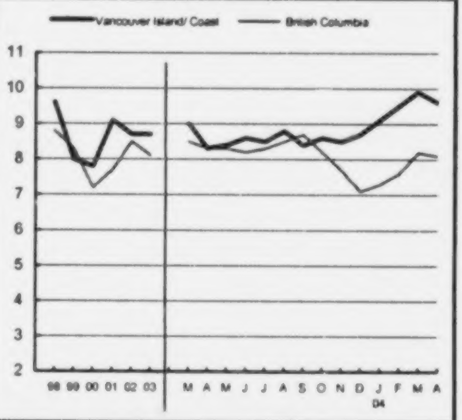
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast Emp ('000)	Vancouver Island/ Coast Unemp %	Victoria Emp ('000)	Victoria Unemp %	British Columbia Emp ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1994		0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2001		305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2002		311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
2003		313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	313.6	9.5	155.0	5.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	312.0	9.9	154.9	5.4	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	313.2	9.6	157.1	4.4	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	313.4	8.8	152.8	6.0	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	312.7	9.5	156.2	5.1	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-0.2		2.2		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



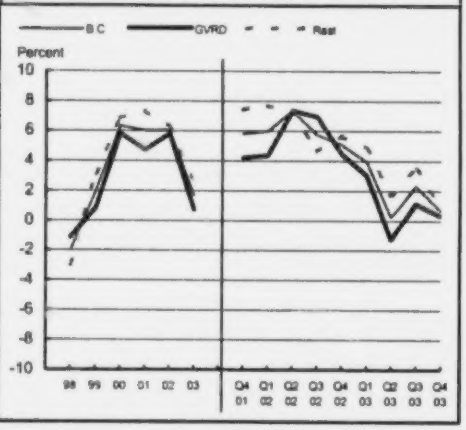
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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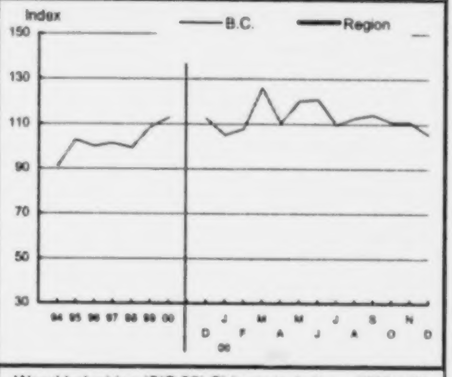
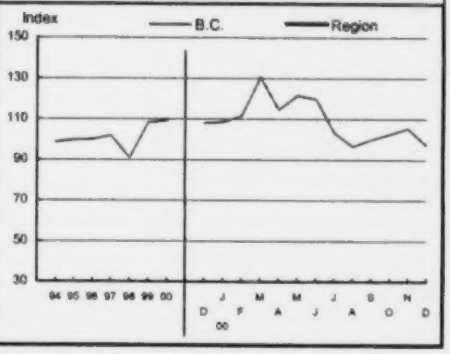
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	40	42	35	41	42
25	Wood	86	83	91	119	110
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	31	30	35	46	43
30	Metal Fabricating	60	55	62	79	71
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	427	423	472	559	540
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	••	••	••	••	••
25	Wood	••	••	••	••	••
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	••	••	••	••	••
30	Metal Fabricating	••	••	••	••	••
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	••	••	••	••	••
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	••	••	••	••	••
25	Wood	••	••	••	••	••
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	••	••	••	••	••
30	Metal Fabricating	••	••	••	••	••
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	••	••	••	••	••
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	••	••	••	••	••
25	Wood	••	••	••	••	••
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	••	••	••	••	••
30	Metal Fabricating	••	••	••	••	••
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	••	••	••	••	••

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

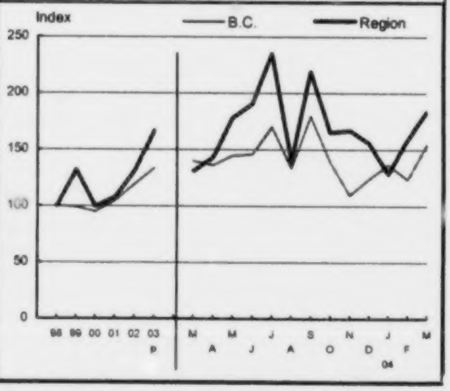


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	848.6	274.0	17.4	848.6	67.6	574.6	5,097
1997	713.2	237.6	13.3	713.2	56.1	475.6	3,801
1998	586.6	241.1	29.9	586.6	69.1	345.5	2,752
1999	771.6	413.9	32.3	771.6	201.7	357.7	2,799
2000	581.5	276.6	29.7	581.5	99.3	305.0	1,920
2001	632.0	282.5	34.8	632.0	102.6	349.6	2,258
2002	769.2	265.2	16.5	769.2	93.5	504.1	3,469
2003 p	976.2	342.7	33.9	976.2	114.2	633.5	4,307
YTD Mar '03	197.7	68.2	2.4	197.7	24.8	129.4	907
YTD Mar '04	230.3	49.2	7.1	230.3	6.6	181.1	1,089

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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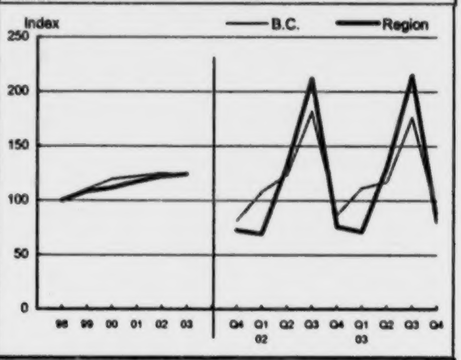
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	1999	238,389.2	34,522.1	62,216.9	106,259.8	35,390.3
	2000	245,309.3	31,380.6	64,427.0	110,142.3	39,359.4
	2001	258,234.6	36,157.7	69,196.2	112,913.6	39,967.1
	2002	268,454.3	38,000.6	72,536.8	116,166.7	41,750.1
	2003	272,988.4	39,093.7	71,705.4	117,765.5	44,423.8
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,167.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	272,988.4	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	32,052.4	11.7%
Fishing lodges	9,057.6	3.3%	Miscellaneous	26,610.4	9.7%
Hotels	169,830.4	62.2%			
76-150 Rooms	47,731.5	17.5%			
76+ Rooms	114,587.3	42.0%			
1-75 Rooms	55,243.1	20.2%			
Motels	35,437.5	13.0%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

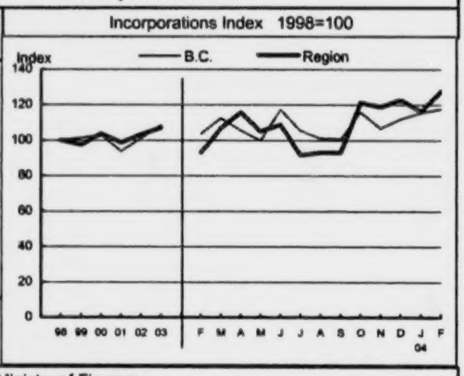


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	2,573
1997	2,571
1998	2,434
1999	2,372
2000	2,523
2001	2,401
2002	2,512
2003	2,605
Jan-Feb 03	419
Jan-Feb 04	495

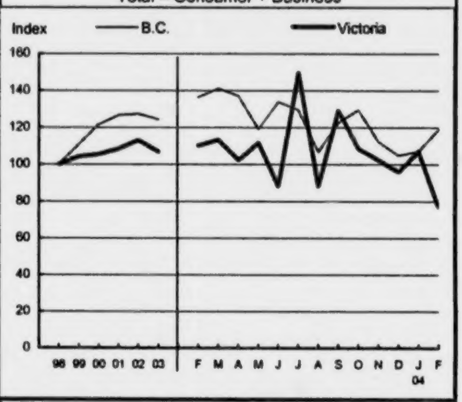
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



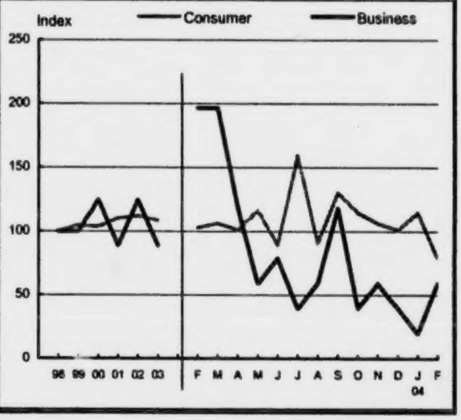
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Victoria		Nanaimo		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	733	61	375	35	8,181	1,077
2000	728	76	363	48	9,184	980
2001	772	54	330	42	9,476	1,101
2002	786	76	352	20	9,531	1,107
2003	760	54	300	18	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	109	13	36	3	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	113	4	47	2	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Victoria Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Sep '01	6.7	9.6	9.4	5.7	3.0
	Dec '01	6.5	9.2	9.1	5.6	2.9
	Mar '02	6.4	9.2	8.7	5.6	2.8
	Jun '02	5.4	7.9	6.8	4.7	2.5
	Sep '02	4.8	7.1	5.6	4.2	2.2
	Dec '02	4.4	6.4	4.9	3.9	2.0
	Mar '03	4.1	6.1	4.3	3.8	1.9
	Jun '03	3.8	5.8	3.9	3.5	1.8
	Sep '03	3.1	5.0	3.4	2.6	1.6

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

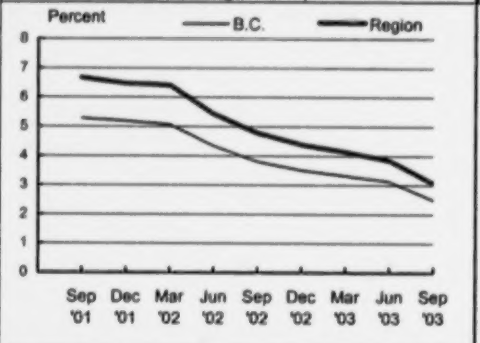
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.7	2.4	3.1	1.2	Sep '01
4.4	4.1	5.0	2.3	Dec '01
4.4	4.0	5.1	2.2	Mar '02
3.1	2.8	3.6	1.4	Jun '02
2.9	2.7	3.4	1.3	Sep '02
3.9	3.8	4.5	2.1	Dec '02
3.9	3.8	4.4	2.0	Mar '03
3.2	3.0	3.7	1.6	Jun '03
3.0	3.0	3.5	1.4	Sep '03

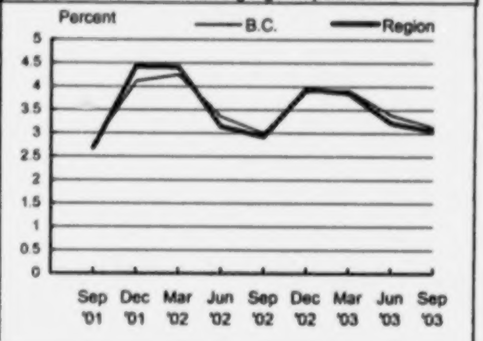
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	17,958	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.2	46.1
1-2 Years	14.7	14.9
>2 Years	39.1	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

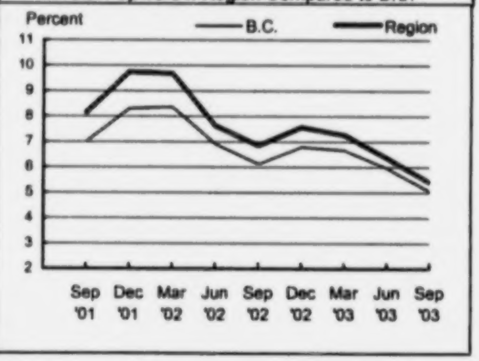
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Sep '01	8.1	11.5	8.6	3.7
	Dec '01	9.7	12.8	10.4	4.8
	Mar '02	9.7	12.4	10.5	4.6
	Jun '02	7.6	9.5	8.3	3.6
	Sep '02	6.9	8.1	7.5	3.3
	Dec '02	7.6	8.6	8.3	4.1
	Mar '03	7.3	8.0	8.1	3.8
	Jun '03	6.4	6.8	7.1	3.3
	Sep '03	5.4	6.3	6.1	2.3

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

There are several retirement communities located in this region particularly in the Victoria and Qualicum areas, and this is likely why the median age of the population is higher than the provincial median. Consequently, the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64), is higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the gender ratio is biased in favour of females, even more so than for the province as a whole, and this may also be due to the older population since women tend to live longer than men.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) in this region is continuing to decline, having become negative recently; however, net migration to the region is expected to tend to be highly positive over the duration of the projection period. This tendancy will likely more than compensate for population losses due to the increasing number of deaths in the region. As a result, the population of the development region is expected to reach over 900,000 by the year 2031.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

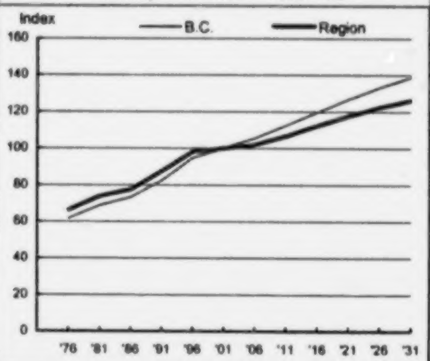
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons 0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	House-holds (,000)	Dependency Ratios Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	31.7	106.2	62.2	122.0	99.3	55.1	476.6	165.1	0.487	0.194	0.681	1976
1981	34.9	99.7	68.2	153.4	106.5	68.1	530.8	200.0	0.410	0.208	0.618	1981
1986	36.9	95.7	58.8	172.4	111.5	81.7	557.0	224.7	0.387	0.238	0.625	1986
1991	39.9	105.2	55.9	201.1	127.6	99.2	628.9	250.4	0.377	0.258	0.635	1991
1996	40.6	118.6	60.1	218.3	158.8	110.0	706.4	288.4	0.364	0.252	0.616	1996
2001	33.1	114.7	62.4	200.2	189.8	119.4	719.6	308.7	0.327	0.264	0.591	2001
2006	29.9	104.2	65.9	188.5	216.8	128.4	733.7	326.1	0.285	0.273	0.557	2006
2011	31.8	96.3	66.2	190.4	239.3	143.4	767.4	353.9	0.258	0.289	0.548	2011
2016	34.0	95.0	65.5	199.3	244.4	170.2	808.4	382.0	0.253	0.334	0.588	2016
2021	34.7	99.5	60.0	210.6	242.9	199.1	846.8	404.3	0.261	0.388	0.649	2021
2026	34.5	103.9	59.7	214.3	240.7	227.1	880.2	422.4	0.269	0.441	0.710	2026
2031	33.6	105.9	63.7	210.1	244.6	250.1	907.9	439.8	0.269	0.482	0.751	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

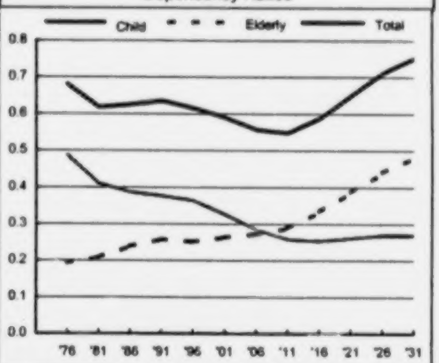
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

QRS

Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Sunshine Coast, Squamish-Lillooet

The delta of the Fraser River and the access to the ocean have made this region home to the largest number of people in the province. The Greater Vancouver region has an extensive manufacturing, trade and service base and many of the areas surrounding Vancouver contribute to its economic activities. In the regions furthest from Vancouver, forestry and agriculture are the main economic drivers. Tourism is also gaining in importance, particularly in the Whistler area.The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan. This plan designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. The plan will affect the growth patterns and the distribution of the population within the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mainland/Southwest							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	109,671	79,366	7,628	3,895	755	91,644	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	2,731	2,237	212	107	9	2,565	2.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	556	231	22	16	3	272	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	60	39	7	7	7	60	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	16,159	8,159	633	259	31	9,082	9.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	3,431	4,008	730	516	109	5,363	5.9%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	5,879	6,502	708	303	29	7,542	8.2%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	6,627	8,506	856	421	95	9,878	10.8%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	4,904	3,443	269	158	50	3,920	4.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2,461	1,440	164	101	29	1,734	1.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	7,213	2,937	365	168	39	3,509	3.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15,257	4,009	330	157	16	4,512	4.9%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	19,365	11,005	681	273	39	11,998	13.1%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	6,983	1,837	165	99	10	2,111	2.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	5,358	4,219	396	173	39	4,827	5.3%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	1,027	1,080	128	60	33	1,301	1.4%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,211	6,836	504	245	80	7,665	8.4%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,303	1,280	109	95	18	1,502	1.6%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	2,901	4,796	991	592	46	6,425	7.0%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	5,243	6,686	337	118	30	7,171	7.8%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	2	116	21	27	43	207	0.2%	0.6%	878

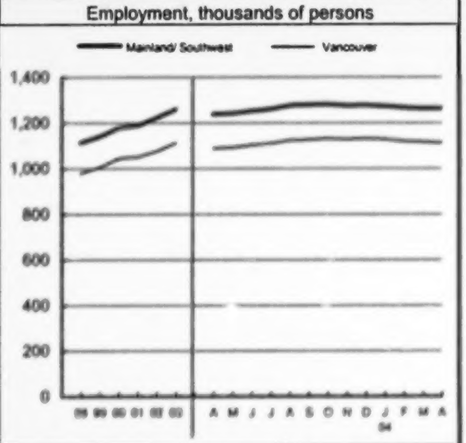
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

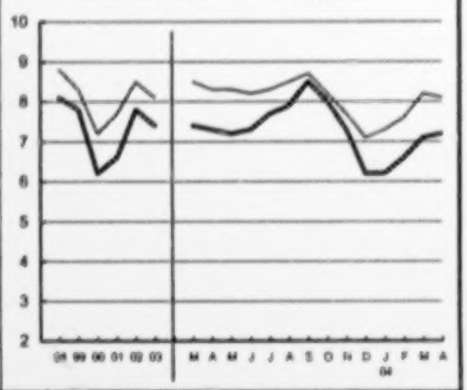
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest Emp. ('000)	Mainland/ Southwest Unemp. %	Vancouver Emp. ('000)	Vancouver Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	1,221.6	7.8	1,076.2	7.8	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	1,258.6	7.4	1,110.8	7.3	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	1,236.1	7.6	1,090.1	7.6	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	1,229.7	7.6	1,084.0	7.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	1,228.7	7.4	1,083.4	7.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	1,238.0	7.3	1,089.9	7.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	1,240.6	7.2	1,092.1	7.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	1,250.7	7.3	1,102.0	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	1,259.8	7.7	1,110.2	7.7	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	1,275.8	7.9	1,123.8	8.0	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	1,278.3	8.5	1,125.8	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	1,281.5	8.0	1,131.3	8.0	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	1,275.4	7.3	1,129.3	7.2	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	1,276.7	6.2	1,131.9	6.1	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	1,272.6	6.2	1,128.5	6.1	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	1,266.6	6.6	1,120.1	6.5	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	1,263.1	7.1	1,116.2	7.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	1,262.6	7.2	1,113.8	7.3	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	1,233.3	7.4	1,086.7	7.4	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	1,264.8	7.1	1,117.1	7.2	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	2.6		2.8		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



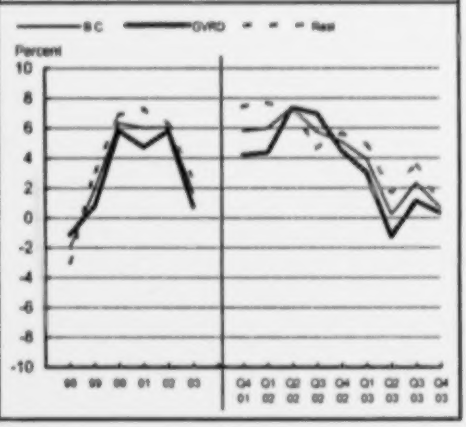
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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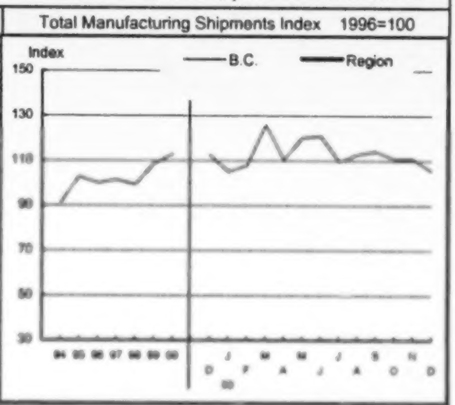
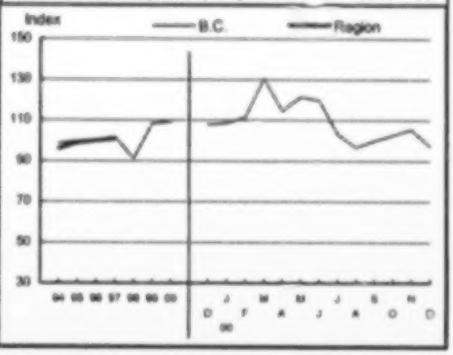
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	222	212	217	242	241
25	Wood	278	271	269	312	297
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	81	80	80	84	84
30	Metal Fabricating	349	345	373	439	432
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,451	2,381	2,607	2,916	2,815
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	2,983.9	3,078.4	3,109.8	3,136.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	1,366.2	1,458.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	14,283	14,150	13,201	13,395
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	8,178	8,925
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	569.6	594.3	568.3	570.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	327.1	359.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

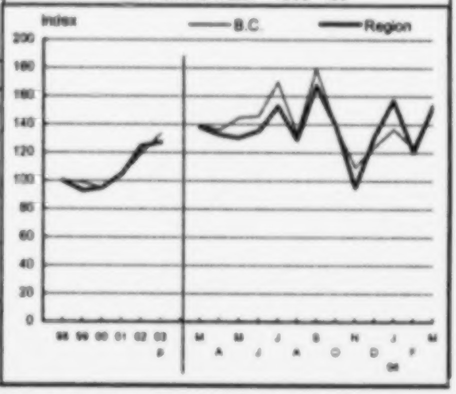


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	4,113.6	1,303.5	175.0	0.0	304.6	2,810.1	20,275
1997	3,709.2	1,311.7	183.7	0.0	173.6	2,397.6	18,440
1998	3,238.3	1,416.8	189.6	0.0	281.4	1,821.4	13,125
1999	3,012.7	1,292.2	228.9	0.0	316.3	1,720.5	11,310
2000	3,079.8	1,417.0	194.9	0.0	269.2	1,662.8	10,451
2001	3,396.6	1,383.7	150.5	0.0	433.9	2,012.8	11,802
2002	4,028.3	1,208.1	162.7	0.0	257.7	2,820.3	17,391
2003 p	4,126.4	1,063.4	126.3	0.0	233.8	3,062.9	17,390
YTD Mar '03	849.9	211.0	30.5	0.0	53.0	638.9	3,733
YTD Mar '04	1,160.7	261.9	28.8	0.0	42.6	898.8	5,351

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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Development Region

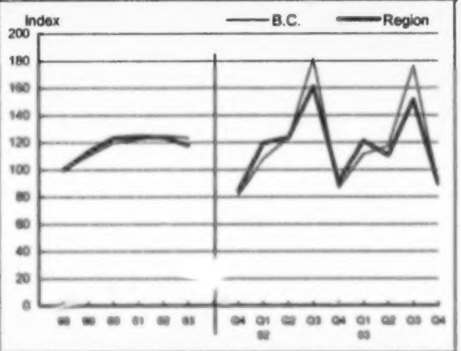
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	1999	778,152.8	176,701.5	191,542.8	268,675.0	141,233.5
Mainland/SW	2000	846,849.2	195,357.1	212,792.8	278,896.6	159,802.8
Dev. Region	2001	854,936.3	220,531.3	213,644.1	276,100.4	144,660.5
	2002	850,333.0	205,181.5	212,157.4	276,321.6	156,672.6
	2003	810,298.3	208,009.8	189,501.5	259,899.4	152,887.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	810,298.3	100.0%	1-75 Rooms	54,907.4	6.8%
Hotels	724,930.7	89.5%	Motels	27,098.6	3.3%
251+ Rooms	398,477.4	49.2%	Vacation Rentals	37,360.3	4.6%
151-250 Rooms	118,023.8	14.6%			
151+ Rooms	516,501.2	63.7%			
76-150 Rooms	153,522.1	18.9%			
76+ Rooms	670,023.3	82.7%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

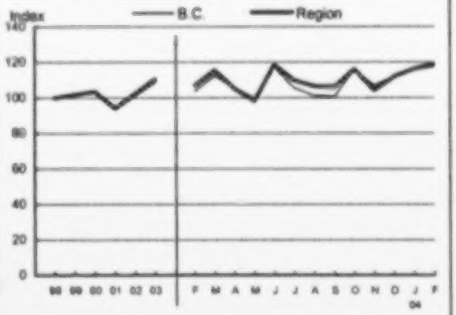


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	17,397
1997	17,099
1998	15,320
1999	15,578
2000	15,862
2001	14,416
2002	15,698
2003	16,930
Jan-Feb 03	2,984
Jan-Feb 04	3,006

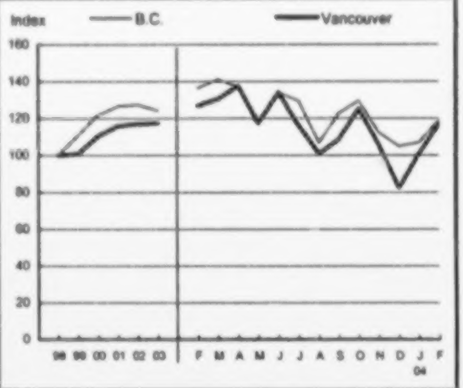
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



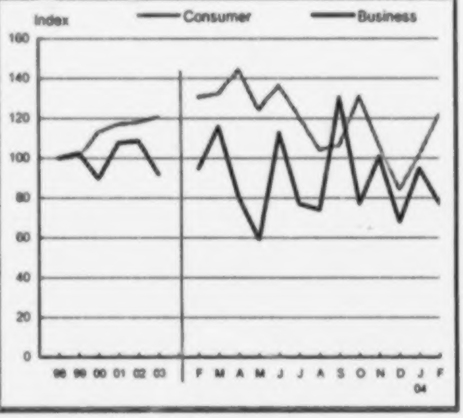
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vancouver		Matsqui		Chilliwack	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	3,428	415	397	68	193	24
2000	3,842	363	487	45	213	22
2001	3,977	436	417	63	210	28
2002	4,011	440	405	42	163	37
2003	4,099	372	321	44	184	21
Jan-Feb 03	728	70	62	8	30	8
Jan-Feb 04	633	58	40	4	30	1

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vancouver Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Sep '01	4.4	6.6	4.1	3.7	2.0
	Dec '01	4.3	6.4	4.1	3.7	1.9
	Mar '02	4.2	6.2	3.9	3.6	1.8
	Jun '02	3.6	5.4	3.2	3.1	1.6
	Sep '02	3.3	4.9	2.8	2.8	1.5
	Dec '02	3.0	4.4	2.5	2.7	1.3
	Mar '03	2.9	4.1	2.3	2.5	1.2
	Jun '03	2.7	3.9	2.2	2.4	1.2
	Sep '03	2.1	3.4	1.9	1.8	1.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

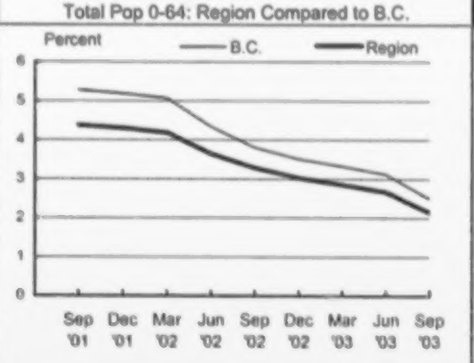
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.5	2.1	2.8	1.2	Sep '01
3.5	3.0	3.9	2.4	Dec '01
3.6	3.0	4.0	2.3	Mar '02
3.0	2.4	3.4	1.6	Jun '02
2.8	2.2	3.2	1.4	Sep '02
3.4	2.6	3.7	2.3	Dec '02
3.3	2.6	3.7	2.2	Mar '03
3.0	2.3	3.3	1.7	Jun '03
2.8	2.2	3.2	1.4	Sep '03

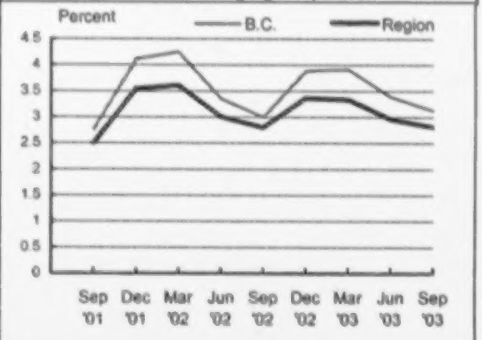
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	45,740	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.6	46.1
1-2 Years	15.1	14.9
>2 Years	42.3	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

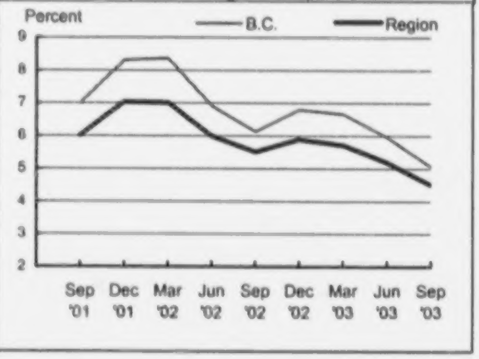
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Sep '01	6.0	6.1	6.4	3.9
	Dec '01	7.0	6.9	7.4	5.1
	Mar '02	7.0	6.8	7.5	4.8
	Jun '02	6.0	5.5	6.5	4.0
	Sep '02	5.5	4.9	6.0	3.6
	Dec '02	5.9	5.0	6.3	4.5
	Mar '03	5.7	4.9	6.2	4.2
	Jun '03	5.2	4.4	5.7	3.5
	Sep '03	4.5	4.0	5.0	2.4

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Mainland/Southwest

Development Region

13 Demographics

This region comprises well over half the provincial population, despite being the smallest in terms of land area. As a result, the demographic characteristics of the region's population are similar to those of British Columbia as a whole. This region receives close to 90 per cent of immigrants moving to British Columbia, and over half of all interprovincial in-migrants. As a result, when the province experiences high levels of in-migration, this region also experiences population growth.

14 Projection

It is expected that migration to British Columbia, both from international and interprovincial sources, will remain positive throughout most of the projection period, although for interprovincial migration, the levels will be much less than those experienced in the last few years, and in the short-term there will be net outflows of interprovincial migrants. Slow downs in the province's resource sector will likely result in increased migration from the periphery to the core in the short-term. As a result of the substantial inflows of migrants, this region will likely continue to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

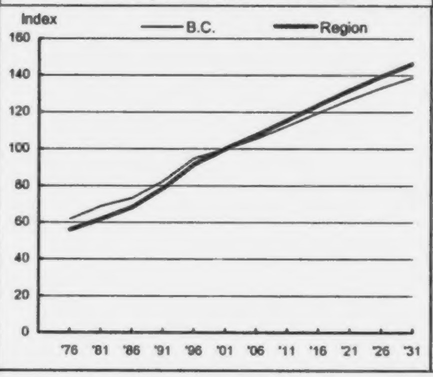
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	85.5	283.1	178.0	381.2	276.8	139.4	1,343.9	464.4	0.441	0.167	0.608	1976
1981	93.5	264.2	199.7	463.1	295.9	167.3	1,483.7	550.4	0.373	0.175	0.548	1981
1986	108.4	263.2	193.7	553.3	321.3	195.9	1,635.9	639.0	0.348	0.183	0.531	1986
1991	125.4	301.2	191.4	669.1	367.5	230.2	1,884.9	711.2	0.347	0.187	0.535	1991
1996	137.8	354.3	212.8	769.8	466.4	258.6	2,199.7	827.7	0.340	0.178	0.518	1996
2001	128.2	382.6	237.4	797.8	568.3	287.5	2,401.7	926.9	0.318	0.179	0.498	2001
2006	126.1	379.8	240.5	817.8	694.1	322.7	2,581.0	1,044.0	0.289	0.184	0.473	2006
2011	131.2	370.4	248.4	844.7	811.7	370.5	2,777.0	1,154.8	0.263	0.195	0.458	2011
2016	139.0	366.3	251.7	884.9	877.0	457.4	2,976.3	1,271.9	0.251	0.227	0.478	2016
2021	144.5	380.8	236.8	934.5	912.9	558.4	3,167.9	1,370.3	0.252	0.268	0.520	2021
2026	146.9	399.1	237.9	947.7	948.3	670.7	3,350.6	1,459.8	0.256	0.314	0.570	2026
2031	146.5	412.9	247.2	949.0	981.0	779.7	3,516.3	1,545.2	0.257	0.358	0.615	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

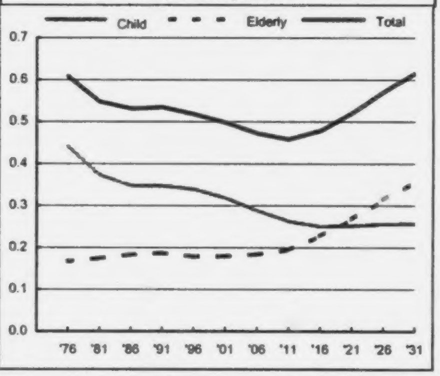
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Thompson/Okanagan
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Okanagan-Similkameen, Thompson-Nicola, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan, Columbia-Shuswap

The main economic drivers in this region are forestry, tourism and agriculture. This region contains the most productive agricultural areas within the province. The climate of the area, which is so conducive to agriculture, also draws a large number of tourists and retirees to the region. Mining is also an important industry, particularly in the Kamloops area, where the largest mine in the province, the Highland Valley Mines, is located. Several major mines have closed in this region in the last few years due either to ore depletion or poor metal prices. Although the impact of these closures on a regional basis will probably be small, the local impacts could be significant. The Highland Valley Mines is projected to close sometime around 2009 and will have an impact in terms of job loss and population movement.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson/Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	18,731	17,796	1,453	569	83	19,901	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,561	1,639	81	24	1	1,745	8.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	95	58	5	2	2	67	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	33	26	5	2	0	33	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	3,378	2,446	142	53	1	2,642	13.3%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	709	773	110	78	16	977	4.9%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	771	837	73	18	3	931	4.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	1,302	2,170	207	90	16	2,483	12.5%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	929	806	51	18	4	879	4.4%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	143	147	17	9	0	173	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	962	542	54	15	0	611	3.1%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,438	824	53	24	3	904	4.5%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	1,997	1,536	61	14	1	1,612	8.1%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1,125	373	28	7	1	409	2.1%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	776	866	40	12	1	919	4.6%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	146	156	12	7	13	188	0.9%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	208	1,469	147	57	8	1,681	8.4%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	280	336	44	16	5	401	2.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	715	1,169	256	102	4	1,531	7.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,161	1,514	48	9	0	1,571	7.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	2	109	19	12	4	144	0.7%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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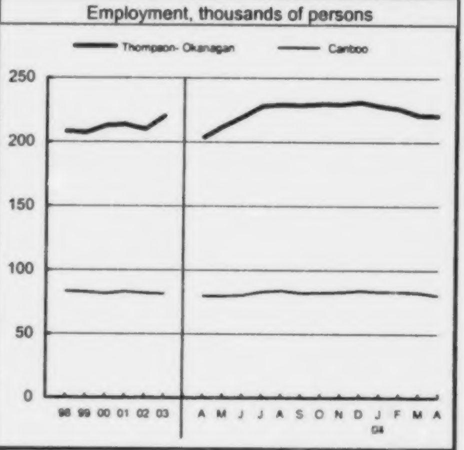
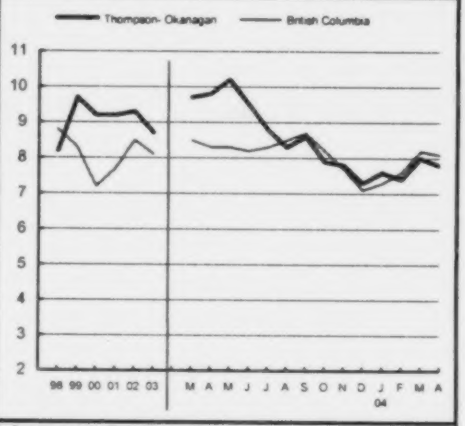
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	225.8	7.4	83.1	10.7	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	221.0	8.0	82.6	12.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	220.5	7.8	80.3	13.1	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	202.1	10.1	79.1	12.9	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	221.0	7.9	81.1	12.8	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	9.3		2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



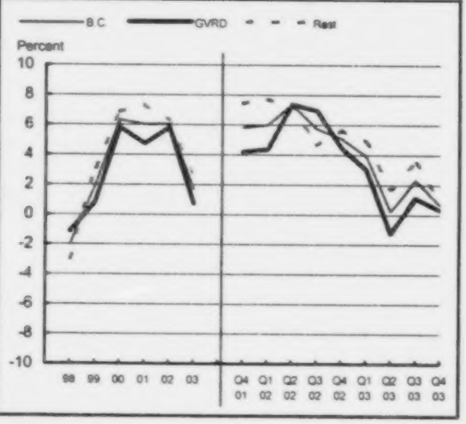
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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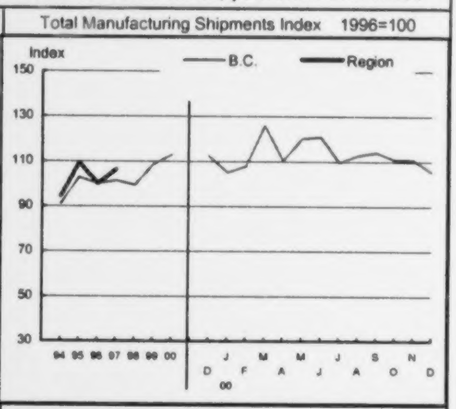
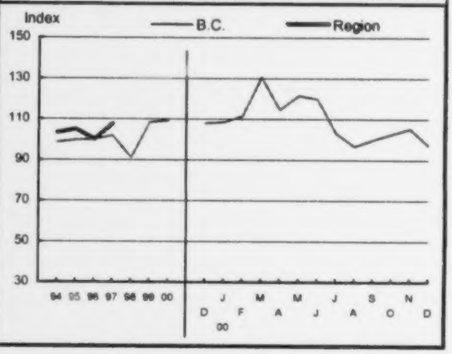
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	23	21	23	24	21
25	Wood	99	97	92	114	113
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	45	42	42	53	54
30	Metal Fabricating	54	56	62	74	73
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	375	378	414	464	451
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	117.2	113.8	119.5	219.0	129.5
25	Wood	1,288.7	1,531.0	1,556.4	1,481.7	1,597.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	380.7	615.9	631.4	627.2	660.8
30	Metal Fabricating	80.6	98.7	121.6	135.5	137.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,557.3	3,223.7	3,737.3	3,418.4	3,635.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	585	617	542	636	374
25	Wood	6,111	6,800	6,287	5,885	6,231
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,705	2,498	2,400	2,188	2,273
30	Metal Fabricating	903	931	1,085	1,115	1,207
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	14,223	15,801	16,256	15,640	16,320
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	17.0	17.5	19.7	23.7	12.3
25	Wood	248.6	292.2	289.3	277.2	303.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	74.0	108.0	109.8	102.1	118.5
30	Metal Fabricating	27.7	29.3	37.5	40.0	42.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	538.1	620.7	669.0	645.2	683.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

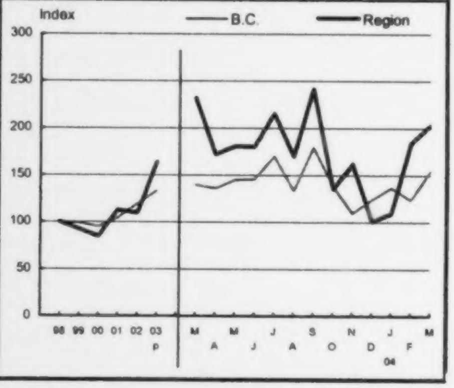


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	593.4	214.0	19.3	51.9	80.6	379.4	3,849
1997	575.2	184.4	47.3	53.4	35.9	390.8	3,649
1998	470.5	202.9	26.5	48.7	46.4	267.7	2,475
1999	435.5	181.9	17.0	28.0	65.4	253.6	2,296
2000	397.0	181.0	30.2	25.4	54.6	216.0	1,729
2001	531.3	247.1	17.4	42.3	70.2	284.2	2,235
2002	516.0	153.2	23.4	35.0	35.6	362.8	2,708
2003 p	771.9	235.8	49.2	42.2	69.1	536.1	3,712
YTD Mar '03	160.9	39.6	5.9	5.0	14.9	121.4	923
YTD Mar '04	194.8	34.9	3.5	13.8	8.5	159.9	1,083

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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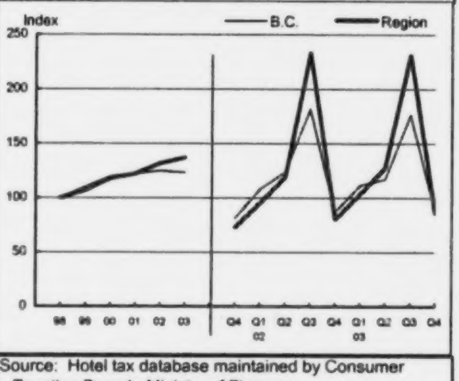
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	1999	166,895.0	29,008.3	38,557.5	75,051.6	24,277.6
	2000	183,892.9	30,551.3	42,102.3	83,807.3	27,431.9
	2001	190,350.0	32,160.8	44,679.7	85,087.9	28,421.5
	2002	205,411.4	37,082.9	46,451.3	90,689.3	31,187.8
	2003	213,446.1	40,408.0	49,634.8	89,912.0	33,491.2
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	213,446.1	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	22,149.3	10.4%
Fishing lodges	1,875.5	0.9%	Miscellaneous	12,301.2	5.8%
Hotels	113,631.5	53.2%			
76-150 Rooms	56,633.5	26.5%			
76+ Rooms	84,492.4	39.6%			
1-75 Rooms	29,139.1	13.7%			
Motels	63,488.6	29.7%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

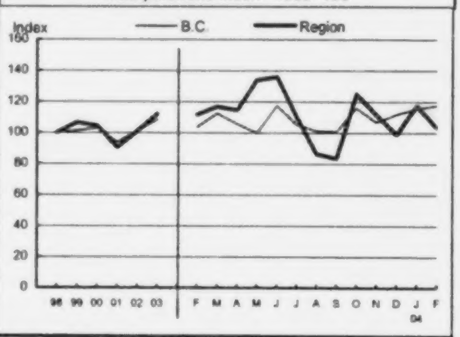


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	1,706
1997	1,797
1998	1,622
1999	1,729
2000	1,695
2001	1,470
2002	1,644
2003	1,820
Jan-Feb 03	309
Jan-Feb 04	299

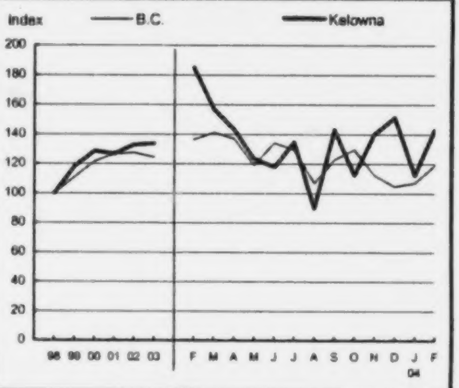
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



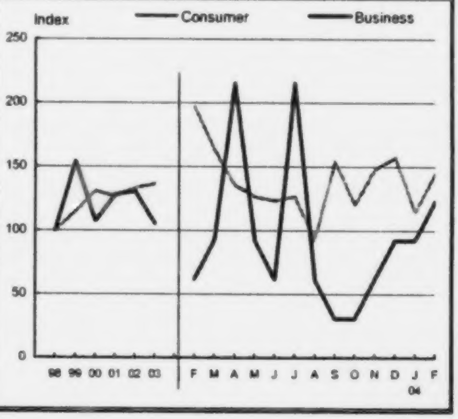
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kelowna		Kamloops		Penticton	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	446	60	213	41	176	13
2000	509	42	258	51	202	17
2001	492	50	280	52	172	16
2002	518	51	286	52	190	27
2003	531	41	244	42	186	21
Jan-Feb 03	94	10	57	5	35	4
Jan-Feb 04	84	7	35	10	18	3

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kelowna Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Sep '01	6.3	9.5	7.3	5.3	3.2
	Dec '01	6.2	9.0	7.1	5.3	3.0
	Mar '02	6.0	8.8	6.9	5.3	2.9
	Jun '02	4.9	7.3	5.3	4.3	2.5
	Sep '02	4.0	6.0	4.0	3.5	2.0
	Dec '02	3.8	5.4	3.5	3.4	1.8
	Mar '03	3.7	5.4	3.3	3.3	1.7
	Jun '03	3.5	5.2	3.2	3.1	1.7
	Sep '03	2.7	4.4	2.6	2.2	1.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

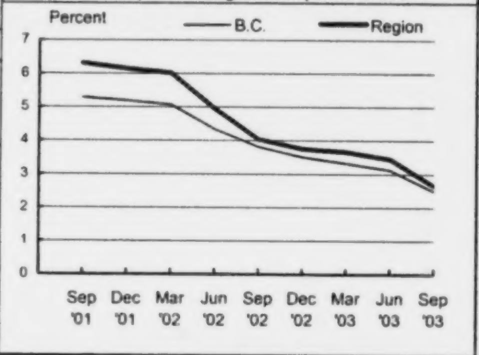
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.4	3.3	3.8	1.7	Sep '01
5.1	5.3	5.7	2.7	Dec '01
5.6	5.6	6.3	3.1	Mar '02
3.9	3.7	4.3	2.1	Jun '02
3.2	3.0	3.7	1.6	Sep '02
4.9	4.6	5.6	2.8	Dec '02
5.3	5.1	6.0	3.0	Mar '03
4.1	3.7	4.7	2.4	Jun '03
3.8	3.3	4.3	2.1	Sep '03

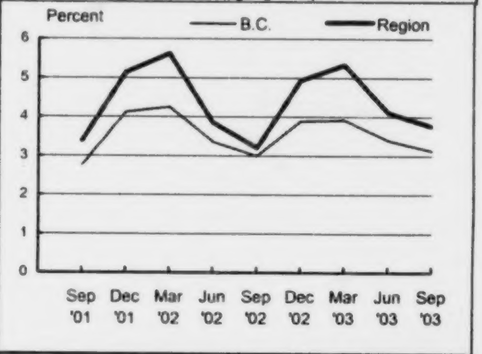
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	10,500	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	55.7	46.1
1-2 Years	14.0	14.9
>2 Years	30.3	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

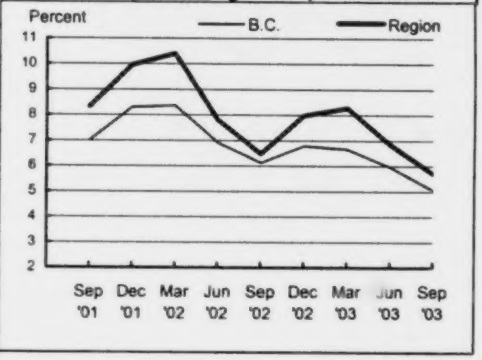
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Sep '01	8.3	10.3	9.0	4.2
	Dec '01	10.0	12.0	10.8	5.3
	Mar '02	10.4	12.2	11.3	5.5
	Jun '02	7.8	8.9	8.5	4.4
	Sep '02	6.5	6.9	7.1	3.7
	Dec '02	8.0	8.0	8.8	4.8
	Mar '03	8.3	8.3	9.2	4.9
	Jun '03	6.9	6.9	7.6	4.0
	Sep '03	5.7	5.9	6.5	2.9

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region experienced net outflows of migrants during the mid-eighties, probably due to the downturn in the forest sector at that time. In-migration has been high until the last few years, contributing to strong population growth for the region. The median age of the population in this region is higher than the provincial median, probably due to the substantial number of retirees located in the region. The proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The net migration inflows to this region will likely remain relatively low for the short-term, but should grow throughout the projection period. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is falling and recently became negative, and this trend will likely continue However, the strong inflows of migrants will likely more than compensate for the losses due to increased deaths and this region is expected to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

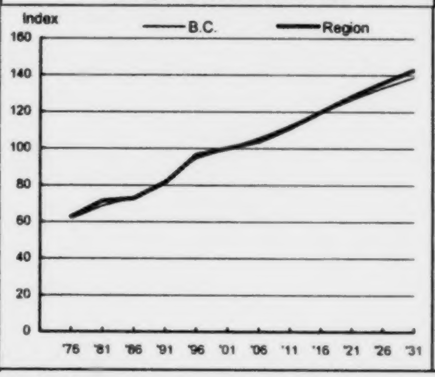
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	22.0	75.9	37.7	79.5	59.9	29.4	304.4	98.8	0.553	0.166	0.719	1976
1981	24.2	73.1	43.1	98.4	68.9	39.6	347.3	123.3	0.463	0.188	0.651	1981
1986	23.7	66.7	36.1	103.9	74.4	49.2	353.9	135.9	0.422	0.229	0.651	1986
1991	25.2	71.2	33.4	118.6	85.8	61.9	396.1	152.3	0.405	0.261	0.666	1991
1996	27.4	83.4	39.4	137.0	106.7	74.6	468.6	184.1	0.391	0.263	0.655	1996
2001	22.9	82.3	40.2	130.2	125.7	84.2	485.7	201.7	0.355	0.284	0.640	2001
2006	21.3	75.2	46.5	124.5	143.4	93.8	504.7	219.2	0.307	0.298	0.605	2006
2011	23.9	71.0	46.6	134.2	160.0	104.8	540.4	243.4	0.278	0.308	0.586	2011
2016	26.0	72.7	45.4	150.0	167.5	121.0	582.7	267.9	0.272	0.333	0.605	2016
2021	26.9	79.0	42.0	164.2	171.8	138.8	622.7	287.3	0.280	0.367	0.647	2021
2026	27.1	83.9	43.8	169.6	176.7	158.7	659.9	305.0	0.284	0.407	0.691	2026
2031	27.1	86.2	47.9	168.2	189.3	175.4	694.0	324.2	0.279	0.433	0.712	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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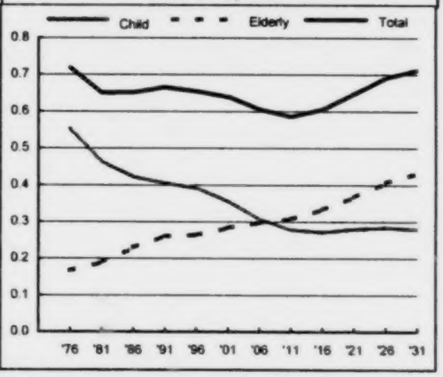


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Kootenay
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay-Boundary

Mining and forestry are the main economic activities in this region. The East Kootenay region is one of the main centres of British Columbia's coal industry with five major coal mines located there. The Cominco Smelter at Trail is a major employer in that area and construction related to hydroelectric projects is another important source of employment. The closure of the Sullivan Mine in Kimberley and slow down in the forestry sector will likely mean that the recent out-migration will continue for the near future. Depletion of reserves could reduce the amount of growth over the long-term, although the area has good potential for new discoveries. It is also increasingly popular for its recreational opportunities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	5,274	6,066	344	172	47	6,629	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	520	648	26	17	1	692	10.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	40	34	3	1	5	43	0.6%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	11	19	2	0	1	22	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	885	717	30	6	3	756	11.4%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	224	264	20	17	9	310	4.7%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	190	212	16	2	1	231	3.5%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	493	835	54	31	1	921	13.9%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	231	310	11	2	1	324	4.9%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	47	71	8	2	0	81	1.2%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	192	110	14	4	1	129	1.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	640	245	8	5	0	258	3.9%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	538	445	8	5	0	458	6.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	226	66	3	2	0	71	1.1%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	204	276	4	2	0	282	4.3%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	49	50	3	4	11	68	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	35	446	33	37	9	525	7.9%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	97	173	17	8	1	199	3.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	285	556	69	16	2	643	9.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	366	513	7	1	0	521	7.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	76	8	10	1	95	1.4%	0.6%	878

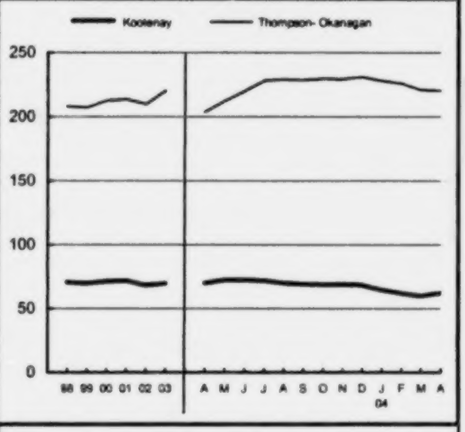
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Kootenay
Development Region

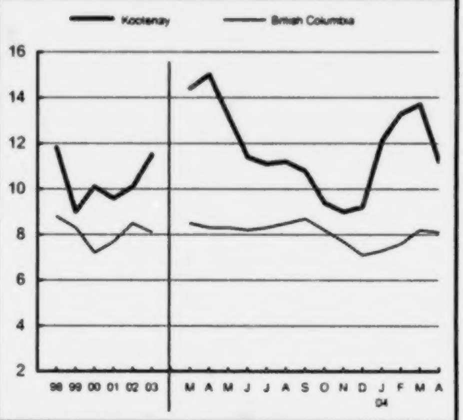
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2001	71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
2002	68.3	10.1	210.0	9.3	1,973.4	8.5
2003	69.5	11.5	220.3	8.7	2,023.3	8.1
2003 Jan	67.2	11.9	204.3	9.4	1,969.8	8.5
Feb	67.2	13.5	200.2	9.6	1,964.3	8.6
Mar	68.2	14.4	201.7	9.7	1,971.3	8.5
Apr	69.8	15.0	203.7	9.8	1,987.8	8.3
May	72.3	13.2	212.4	10.2	2,002.6	8.3
Jun	72.4	11.4	219.8	9.5	2,017.3	8.2
Jul	71.9	11.1	228.1	8.8	2,038.0	8.3
Aug	69.9	11.2	229.0	8.3	2,052.7	8.5
Sep	69.2	10.8	228.7	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
Oct	68.6	9.4	229.7	7.9	2,051.6	8.2
Nov	69.0	9.0	229.6	7.8	2,045.5	7.7
Dec	68.4	9.2	231.0	7.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004 Jan	64.7	12.1	228.1	7.6	2,042.9	7.3
Feb	62.0	13.3	225.8	7.4	2,029.3	7.6
Mar	59.8	13.7	221.0	8.0	2,014.5	8.2
Apr	62.1	11.2	220.5	7.8	2,011.8	8.1
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Apr03	69.2	14.0	202.1	10.1	1,977.0	8.5
Jan-Apr04	61.0	12.7	221.0	7.9	2,015.1	8.1
% Change	-11.9		9.3		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



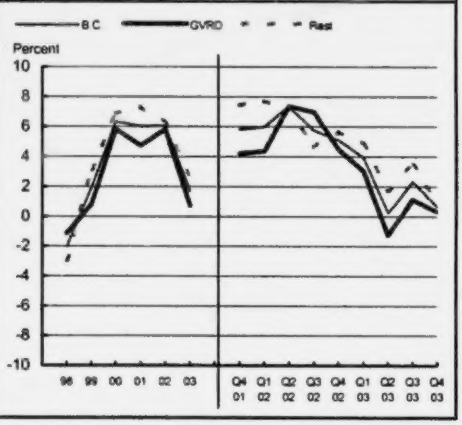
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

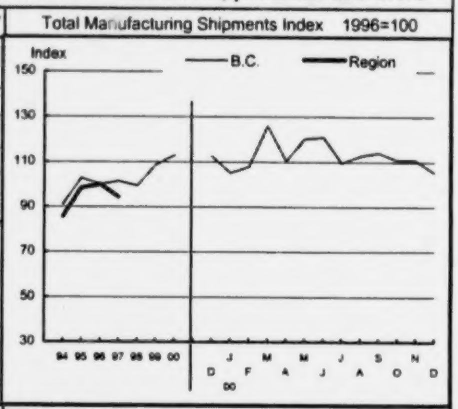
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



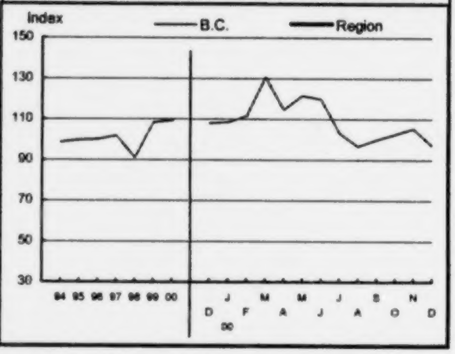
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	3	2
25	Wood	40	39	38	42	42
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	28	26	26	26	26
30	Metal Fabricating	7	7	9	10	10
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	91	90	102	113	108
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	736.4	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,145.1	1,393.0	1,601.6	1,626.4	1,535.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,642	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6,509	6,778	6,558	6,582	6,590
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	122.5	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	291.1	308.0	325.6	324.1	352.3

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

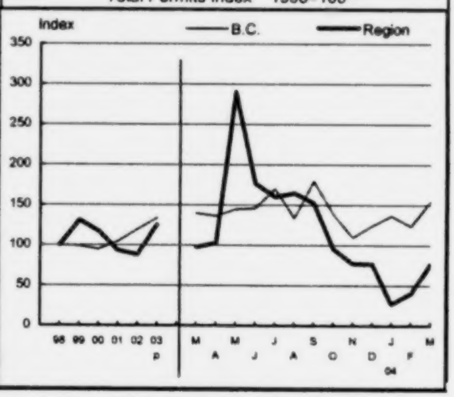


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	168.5	52.4	8.9	34.8	6.3	116.1	1,231
1997	178.3	59.8	8.9	41.0	21.4	118.4	1,073
1998	186.9	55.3	7.0	35.5	13.6	131.6	1,252
1999	244.8	98.6	18.0	52.2	17.0	146.2	1,274
2000	219.0	87.0	27.8	60.0	15.3	132.0	1,036
2001	174.3	61.9	8.8	45.3	34.7	112.4	803
2002	164.2	35.1	6.5	40.1	5.0	129.1	789
2003 p	234.6	54.8	5.9	81.0	21.3	179.8	1,054
YTD Mar '03	32.8	5.1	2.2	6.8	1.1	27.6	201
YTD Mar '04	22.3	4.2	0.4	1.5	1.0	18.1	99

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Kootenay
Development Region

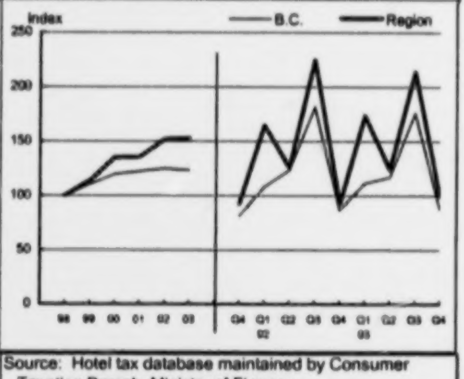
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay Dev. Region	1999	53,603.2	12,340.3	11,832.5	20,830.8	8,599.6
	2000	63,793.4	15,003.8	13,681.5	24,142.4	10,965.7
	2001	64,107.6	15,156.9	13,231.0	24,811.1	10,908.5
	2002	71,712.2	19,438.8	14,875.1	26,529.6	10,868.7
	2003	72,100.4	20,481.7	14,654.8	25,224.2	11,739.7
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	72,100.4	100.0%
Hotels	26,828.0	37.2%
Motels	18,462.6	25.6%
Vacation Rentals	11,567.9	16.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

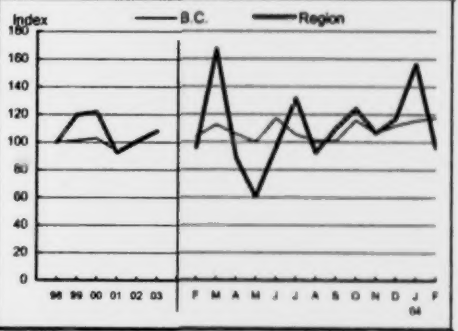


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	438
1997	372
1998	338
1999	405
2000	412
2001	313
2002	340
2003	365
Jan-Feb 03	57
Jan-Feb 04	71

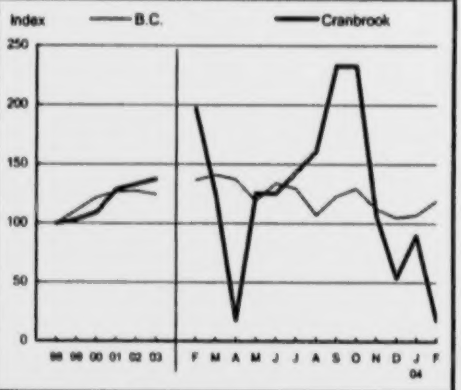
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



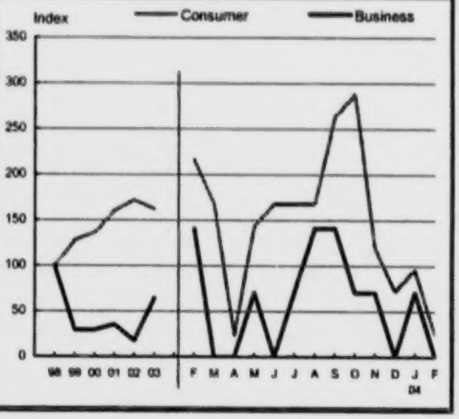
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	64	5	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	15	3	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	5	1	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving benefits)	All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Sep '01	5.9	8.8	6.8	5.0	3.0
	Dec '01	5.7	8.1	6.7	4.9	2.8
	Mar '02	5.7	8.4	6.5	5.0	2.7
	Jun '02	4.7	6.7	4.7	4.1	2.3
	Sep '02	3.9	5.6	3.5	3.4	2.0
	Dec '02	3.5	5.0	3.0	3.2	1.7
	Mar '03	3.5	5.0	3.1	3.2	1.7
	Jun '03	3.2	4.8	2.8	2.9	1.6
	Sep '03	2.6	4.2	2.5	2.3	1.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

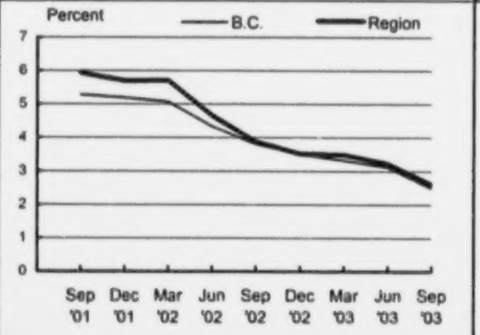
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.0	2.9	3.4	1.2	Sep '01
5.0	5.4	5.7	2.1	Dec '01
5.6	5.5	6.3	2.7	Mar '02
3.8	3.7	4.4	1.9	Jun '02
3.3	2.9	3.9	1.5	Sep '02
5.1	4.9	5.9	2.5	Dec '02
5.4	4.8	6.2	2.8	Mar '03
4.1	3.5	4.7	2.2	Jun '03
3.6	2.8	4.3	1.8	Sep '03

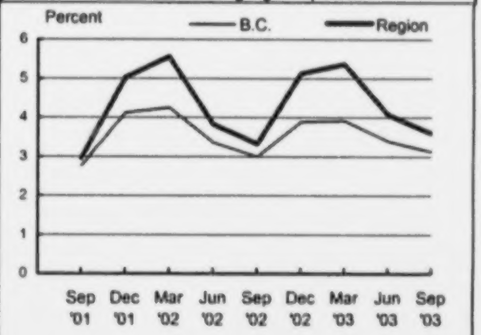
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,341	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	52.7	46.1
1-2 Years	13.7	14.9
>2 Years	33.6	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

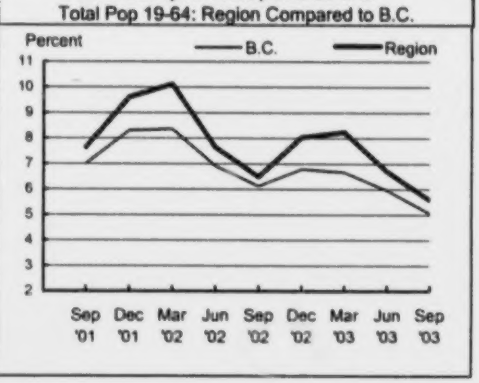
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving assistance)	All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Sep '01	7.6	9.5	8.3	3.9
	Dec '01	9.6	11.9	10.4	4.9
	Mar '02	10.1	11.7	11.1	5.3
	Jun '02	7.7	8.3	8.4	4.3
	Sep '02	6.5	6.3	7.3	3.7
	Dec '02	8.0	7.8	9.0	4.6
	Mar '03	8.2	7.8	9.4	4.7
	Jun '03	6.7	6.3	7.6	3.9
	Sep '03	5.6	5.3	6.5	2.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Kootenay
Development Region

13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated jobs in the resource sectors is likely the reason for a gender ratio weighted in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. Cutbacks in the mining sector and the mobility of construction workers have resulted in an age structure that is somewhat different than the provincial average. Those workers who move are more likely to be young and single, leaving behind more mature couples with families. As a result, the median age is higher than the provincial median as is the elderly dependency ratio.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., excess of births over deaths) for this region will likely become negative within the next couple of years, but a tendency towards positive net migration should result in overall population growth until nearly the end of the projection period. By then, only two in ten people will be in the 18 to 65 age group.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

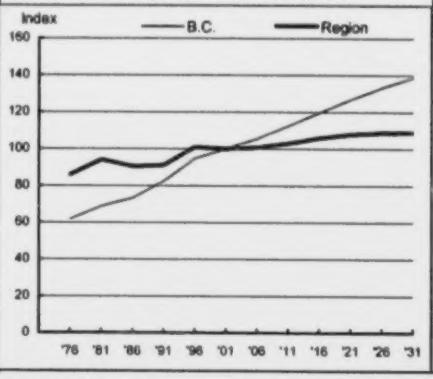
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	10.0	32.0	16.6	33.8	26.3	11.7	130.3	42.6	0.547	0.152	0.699	1976
1981	10.9	30.5	18.0	42.2	26.6	14.5	142.7	50.5	0.476	0.166	0.643	1981
1986	10.2	27.6	13.1	42.6	27.0	16.7	137.2	52.1	0.457	0.202	0.659	1986
1991	9.1	26.8	11.7	43.2	28.7	18.7	138.1	53.6	0.429	0.223	0.653	1991
1996	8.9	29.2	12.7	45.5	35.9	20.9	153.1	60.8	0.404	0.222	0.627	1996
2001	7.2	26.3	12.4	41.1	41.9	22.6	151.6	64.1	0.351	0.236	0.588	2001
2006	6.1	22.9	14.7	36.6	47.4	25.0	152.8	67.3	0.294	0.254	0.547	2006
2011	6.5	19.9	13.6	37.4	50.7	28.1	156.1	72.3	0.259	0.276	0.535	2011
2016	6.9	18.9	12.1	39.6	49.6	33.5	160.7	76.7	0.255	0.330	0.585	2016
2021	6.8	19.3	10.5	41.1	46.5	39.4	163.5	78.9	0.266	0.402	0.667	2021
2026	6.3	19.8	9.9	41.0	43.4	44.6	165.0	80.0	0.277	0.473	0.750	2026
2031	5.9	19.4	10.4	37.4	44.6	47.6	165.3	81.2	0.273	0.515	0.789	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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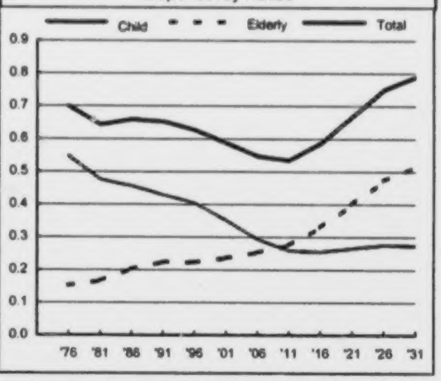


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Cariboo
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Cariboo, Fraser-Fort George

Forestry is by far the main economic driver for this region, but tourism, agriculture and mining also play important roles in the economy. The region is home to a large number of pulp mills and sawmills and it is crucial that the timber supply to the region is sustained if it is to maintain its job base in the forest sector. There have been some mill closures over the last year that have had significant employment impacts. Developments in the forest sector will likely influence growth in this region in the future. The agriculture sector is comprised primarily of cattle ranching and mixed farming activities. Several mines have closed in the last couple of years due to low metal prices. The only remaining mine, Mount Polley, closed in 2001, but the potential exists for new ones to come on line within the next couple of years. Prince George is the main service centre of the northern interior of the province and the service sector is particularly important to the city's economy.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Em-ployees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	6,126	5,818	453	210	47	6,528	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,166	896	57	28	2	983	15.1%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	22	14	2	0	0	16	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	5	7	1	0	0	8	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	901	684	44	23	0	751	11.5%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	206	197	27	29	22	275	4.2%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	195	229	30	9	0	268	4.1%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	381	641	54	35	5	735	11.3%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	591	530	20	11	1	562	8.6%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	38	39	9	4	0	52	0.8%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	192	111	17	7	0	135	2.1%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	653	218	13	4	1	236	3.6%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	512	437	21	5	0	463	7.1%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	279	79	6	0	0	85	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	197	229	15	6	2	252	3.9%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	33	37	2	0	5	44	0.7%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	55	415	43	13	6	477	7.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	73	92	4	3	1	100	1.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	217	383	66	25	0	474	7.3%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	410	544	17	1	0	562	8.6%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	36	5	7	2	50	0.8%	0.6%	878

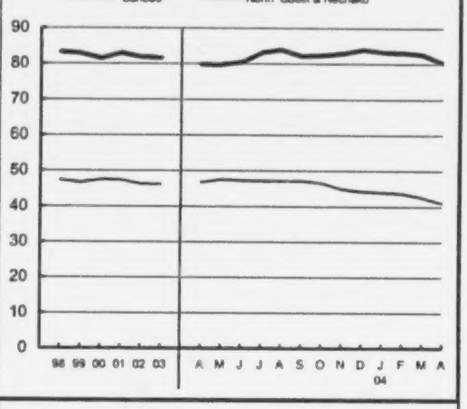
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Cariboo
Development Region

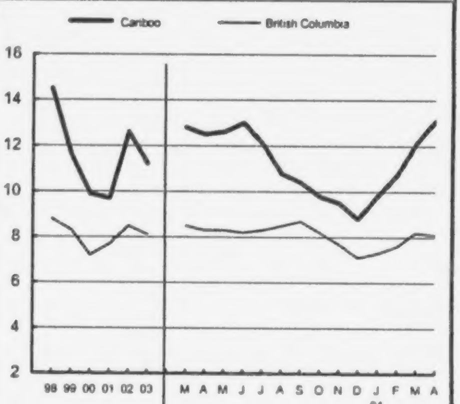
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	83.0	9.7	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	81.9	12.6	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	81.6	11.2	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	78.4	13.1	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	79.2	13.0	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	79.9	12.8	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	79.8	12.5	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
	May	79.7	12.6	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	80.4	13.0	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	83.1	12.1	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	83.9	10.8	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	82.1	10.4	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	82.4	9.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	82.9	9.5	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	84.0	8.8	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	83.3	9.8	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	83.1	10.7	43.7	13.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	82.6	12.1	42.6	13.0	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	80.3	13.1	41.0	13.9	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	79.1	12.9	46.3	11.2	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	81.1	12.8	41.9	13.9	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	2.5		-9.7		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



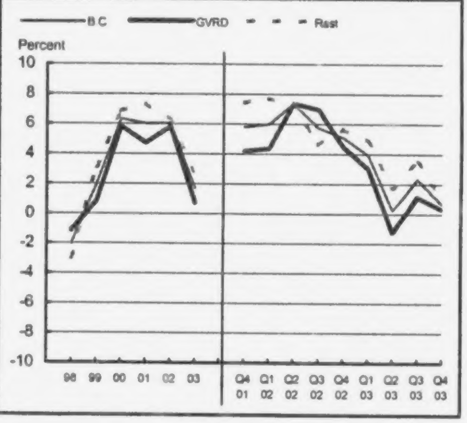
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

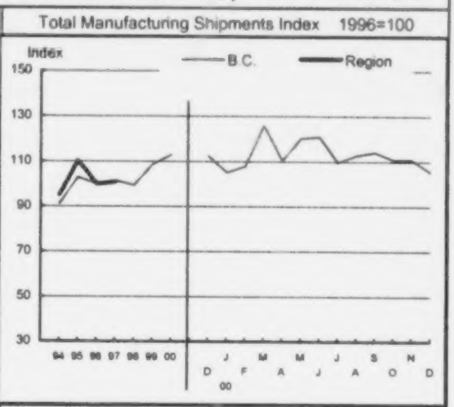
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



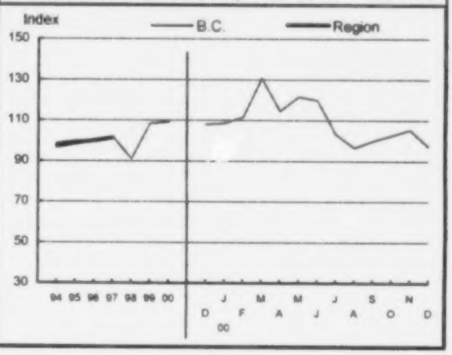
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	4	4	4	4	4
25	Wood	64	62	67	76	75
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	45	43	46	52	51
30	Metal Fabricating	24	23	23	26	27
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	158	151	162	187	182
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,012.4	2,435.1	2,474.6	2,507.4	2,542.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	2,155.5	2,112.5	2,164.5	2,224.6
30	Metal Fabricating	30.8	**	**	**	60.6
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,965.1	3,731.5	4,327.8	3,929.0	3,958.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	7,931	8,248	8,042	7,596	7,788
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	6,781	6,398	6,006	6,091
30	Metal Fabricating	274	**	**	**	519
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11,928	12,494	12,343	11,899	12,415
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	353.0	384.1	405.4	394.2	402.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	324.4	327.1	315.7	324.6
30	Metal Fabricating	9.9	**	**	**	20.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	542.2	604.2	639.3	632.1	652.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

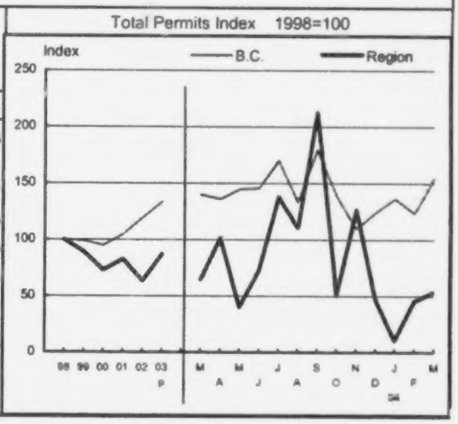


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	204.8	62.5	20.9	41.0	13.4	142.2	1,356
1997	216.7	97.5	10.5	47.4	21.8	119.1	1,081
1998	139.6	52.0	9.3	16.4	17.8	87.6	787
1999	124.4	61.0	12.5	14.4	31.6	63.4	469
2000	101.8	59.8	7.5	31.7	29.9	42.0	260
2001	115.2	81.2	4.0	17.1	55.9	34.0	183
2002	88.5	45.7	10.2	15.4	9.8	42.8	240
2003 p	121.4	89.4	6.7	12.6	29.1	31.9	186
YTD Mar '03	16.8	11.9	0.1	1.1	0.7	4.8	25
YTD Mar '04	12.7	7.6	1.2	0.8	0.1	5.1	29

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Cariboo
Development Region

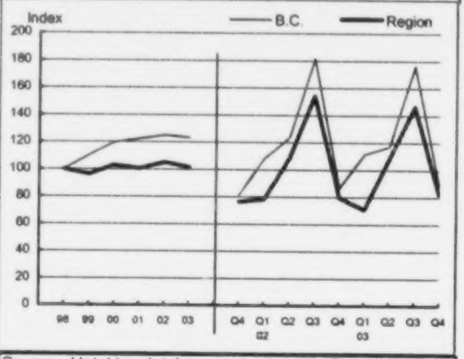
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Dev. Region	1999	40,788.2	7,169.2	10,906.7	14,898.2	7,814.0
	2000	43,570.5	7,463.1	11,649.9	16,066.6	8,390.9
	2001	42,553.3	7,412.3	11,162.0	15,881.6	8,097.3
	2002	44,513.6	8,297.6	11,478.2	16,317.5	8,420.3
	2003	43,064.2	7,499.7	11,457.3	15,511.8	8,595.4
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	43,064.2	100.0%
Fishing lodges	859.7	2.0%
Hotels	23,205.6	53.9%
1-75 Rooms	8,322.1	19.3%
Motels	15,295.2	35.5%
Vacation Rentals	1,502.2	3.5%
Miscellaneous	2,201.5	5.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

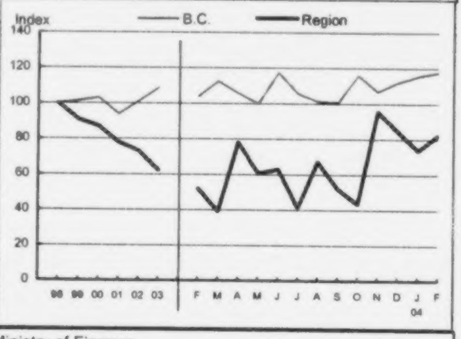


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	600
1997	607
1998	553
1999	502
2000	481
2001	431
2002	404
2003	344
Jan-Feb 03	56
Jan-Feb 04	72

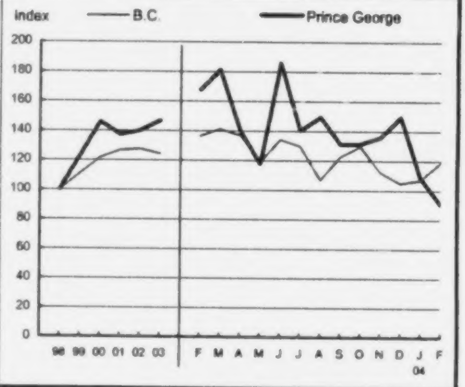
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



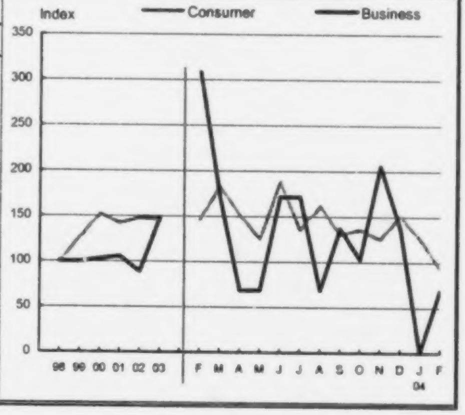
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George		Williams Lake		Quesnel	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	291	35	122	12	69	8
2000	350	36	122	10	81	7
2001	327	37	121	17	85	7
2002	340	31	126	22	93	3
2003	337	52	132	22	87	14
Jan-Feb 03	52	14	22	4	10	2
Jan-Feb 04	42	2	12	1	12	0

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince George Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Sep '01	8.1	10.9	11.7	6.6	4.4
	Dec '01	7.8	10.3	11.5	6.4	4.0
	Mar '02	7.7	10.3	10.8	6.4	3.9
	Jun '02	6.6	8.9	8.7	5.6	3.4
	Sep '02	5.7	7.6	7.4	4.7	2.9
	Dec '02	5.1	6.7	6.1	4.4	2.6
	Mar '03	4.6	6.2	5.4	4.1	2.2
	Jun '03	4.5	6.1	5.3	3.9	2.2
	Sep '03	3.7	5.4	4.8	3.2	2.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

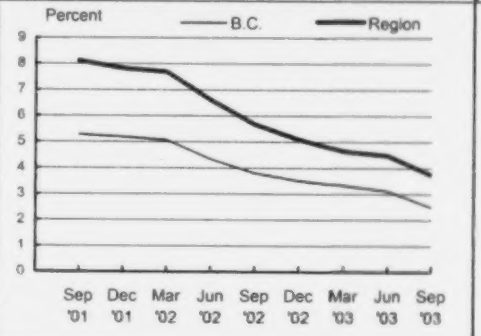
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.5	3.6	3.8	1.9	Sep '01
5.1	5.3	5.4	3.0	Dec '01
5.6	6.1	6.1	3.1	Mar '02
5.0	4.9	5.5	3.0	Jun '02
3.9	4.2	4.3	2.2	Sep '02
5.0	5.4	5.4	3.0	Dec '02
5.5	5.8	6.0	3.0	Mar '03
5.4	5.1	5.9	3.2	Jun '03
4.3	4.4	4.7	2.4	Sep '03

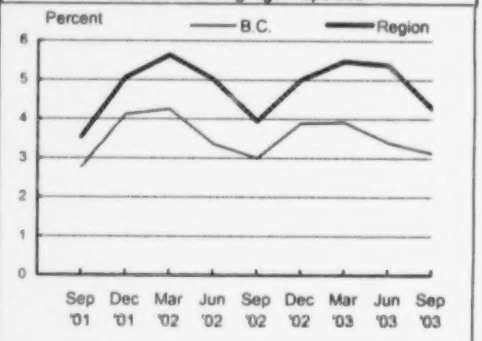
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	5,557	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.0	46.1
1-2 Years	15.4	14.9
>2 Years	34.7	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

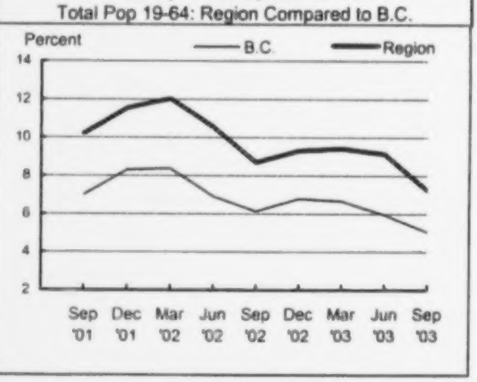
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Sep '01	10.2	14.9	10.2	5.8
	Dec '01	11.5	16.5	11.6	6.8
	Mar '02	12.0	16.6	12.3	6.6
	Jun '02	10.5	13.4	10.9	6.2
	Sep '02	8.7	11.5	8.9	5.1
	Dec '02	9.3	11.3	9.7	5.8
	Mar '03	9.4	11.1	10.0	5.5
	Jun '03	9.1	10.4	9.8	5.5
	Sep '03	7.2	9.1	7.7	3.4

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Cariboo

Development Region

13 Demographics

The reliance on the male-dominated employment of the forest sector is likely the explanation for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The median age of the population is lower than the provincial median and this is reflected in a higher proportion of children in the population and a lower proportion of elderly.

14 Projection

This region should continue to have out-migration for the short-term. A general trend towards recovery in the resource sector will likely led to increased in-migration. Natural increase is expected to become negative in the last decade of the projection period. Overall though, the population of the area should increase by over twenty thousand people during the next thirty years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

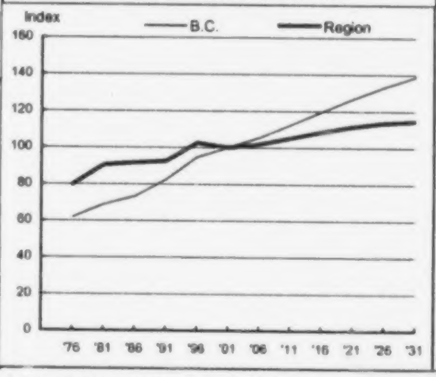
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	13.4	38.0	18.9	41.5	18.5	4.3	134.6	38.9	0.651	0.054	0.705	1976
1981	14.7	37.4	22.3	51.0	21.8	5.5	152.7	48.0	0.548	0.058	0.606	1981
1986	13.8	35.9	18.6	54.3	25.3	7.2	155.0	52.0	0.506	0.073	0.579	1986
1991	12.6	34.8	15.7	54.8	28.9	9.3	156.2	53.9	0.476	0.093	0.570	1991
1996	12.3	36.9	17.6	58.7	36.0	11.6	173.2	61.7	0.439	0.104	0.542	1996
2001	10.0	33.2	16.4	52.6	42.5	14.2	169.0	64.8	0.388	0.128	0.515	2001
2006	8.4	29.7	18.1	49.1	49.5	17.4	172.2	70.5	0.326	0.149	0.475	2006
2011	9.0	26.2	17.1	49.7	54.3	21.6	177.9	76.8	0.291	0.178	0.469	2011
2016	9.4	24.7	15.7	51.6	54.6	27.6	183.7	81.9	0.279	0.227	0.506	2016
2021	9.3	25.3	13.6	53.4	53.0	34.0	188.7	85.4	0.288	0.283	0.571	2021
2026	8.9	26.1	12.8	53.2	51.3	39.8	192.1	87.1	0.298	0.339	0.637	2026
2031	8.4	25.7	13.8	49.6	52.4	43.8	193.7	88.8	0.295	0.378	0.673	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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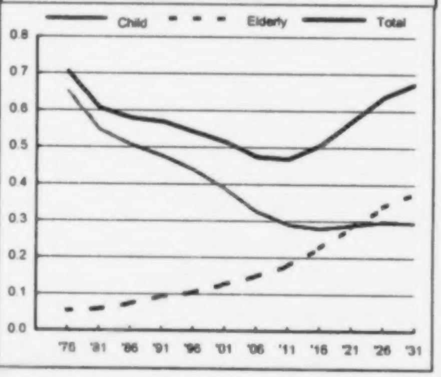

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Skeena-Queen Charlotte, Kitimat-Stikine

Forestry, mining, tourism and fishing are all important economic drivers in this region. There is currently only one major mine still operating in the region (Eskay Creek) as the Snip mine closed in the spring of 1999. However, there is potential for several other mineral projects. In addition, mineral processing at the Alcan aluminum smelter at Kitimat provides a significant amount of employment. The Prince Rupert area has the largest concentration of fish processing facilities in the province outside the Vancouver area. Major developments that will affect this region include the recent land claims settlement with the Nisga'a; the possibility of new mines opening in the near future; the possibility of further restrictions being imposed on the fishing industry in order to avoid depletion of salmon stocks; the possibility of a new aluminum smelter at Kitimat.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

		North Coast							British Columbia	
			Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Firms with No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,746	1,965	144	75	19	2,203	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	396	251	10	3	1	265	12.0%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	3	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	5	1	1	0	7	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	233	229	9	5	0	243	11.0%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	43	50	7	10	5	72	3.3%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	51	70	5	1	0	76	3.4%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	116	280	20	13	1	314	14.3%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	177	147	5	6	2	160	7.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	16	22	4	0	0	26	1.2%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	53	31	6	2	0	39	1.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	151	64	4	0	0	68	3.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	135	128	6	2	0	136	6.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	60	19	0	2	0	21	1.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	92	92	2	2	0	96	4.4%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	11	19	2	2	5	28	1.3%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	14	158	14	12	2	186	8.4%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	26	48	4	0	0	52	2.4%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	68	146	28	6	0	180	8.2%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	101	184	6	0	0	190	8.6%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	20	11	8	3	42	1.9%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

North Coast
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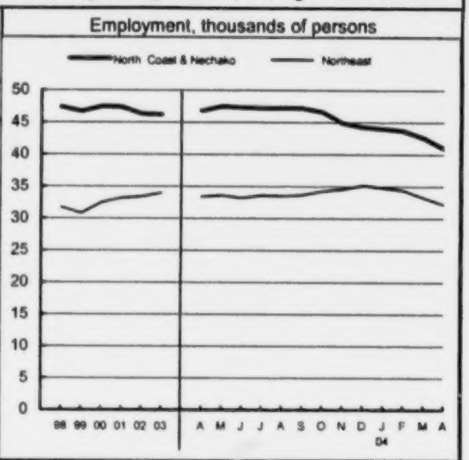
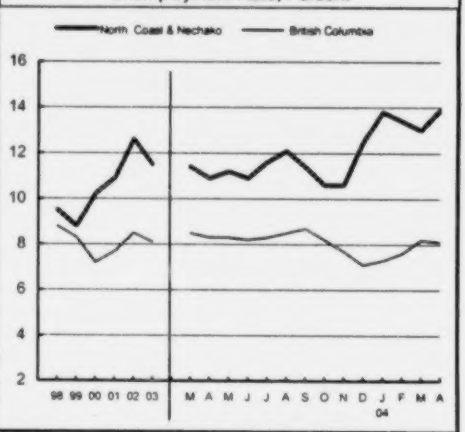
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	31.7	NA	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	33.2	5.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	46.3	12.6	33.4	9.0	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	46.2	11.5	34.0	6.9	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	33.6	8.9	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	33.7	8.2	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	33.8	7.1	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	33.4	7.2	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	33.6	6.7	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	33.2	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	33.6	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	33.5	7.7	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	33.7	7.9	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	34.3	6.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	34.6	6.0	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	35.2	4.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	34.8	4.4	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	43.7	13.4	34.4	4.2	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	42.6	13.0	33.3	4.6	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	41.0	13.9	32.2	5.0	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	46.3	11.2	33.5	7.6	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	41.9	13.9	32.6	5.0	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-9.7		-2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



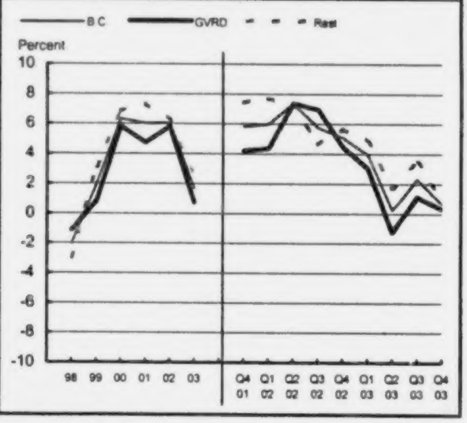
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

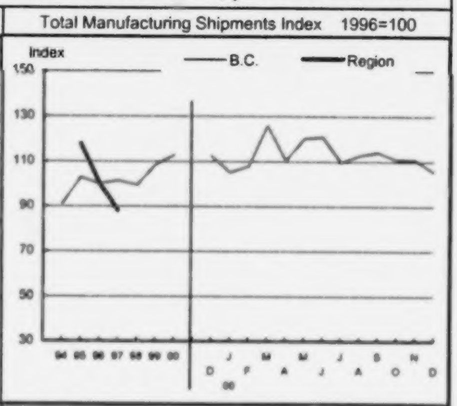
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



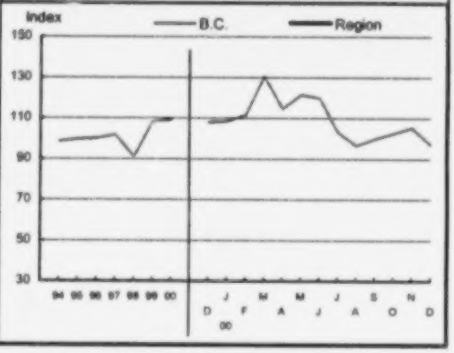
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	8	0	6	7	7
25	Wood	8	8	10	14	13
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	6	6	7	11	11
30	Metal Fabricating	9	8	6	9	9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42	35	44	55	51
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	9.0	8.1	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,289.9	**	1,860.9	1,581.1	1,391.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	23	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	65	57	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	5,264	**	5,005	5,718	5,016
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.8	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	1.8	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	272.1	**	265.5	268.0	240.7

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

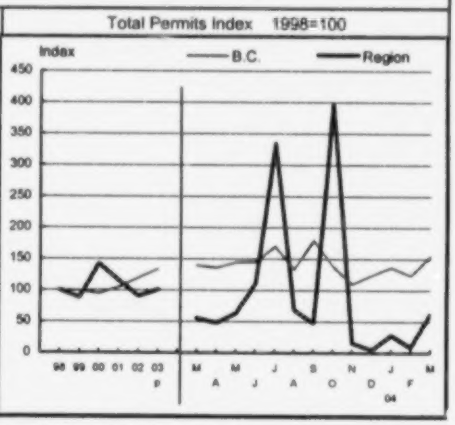


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential Total Non Res.	Non Residential Industrial	Non Residential Commercial	Non Residential Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	49.4	20.5	7.3	n/a	2.5	28.9	210
1997	55.6	32.9	18.9	n/a	1.7	22.7	148
1998	24.4	12.1	5.3	n/a	2.3	12.3	60
1999	21.5	12.5	3.9	n/a	3.7	9.0	43
2000	34.7	26.6	0.6	n/a	21.3	8.1	31
2001	28.1	23.4	3.0	n/a	13.9	4.7	11
2002	22.1	18.6	0.4	n/a	11.3	3.5	7
2003 p	24.6	18.7	7.9	n/a	1.6	5.9	12
YTD Mar '03	2.5	1.6	0.1	n/a	0.6	0.9	3
YTD Mar '04	2.0	1.1	0.2	n/a	0.5	0.9	3

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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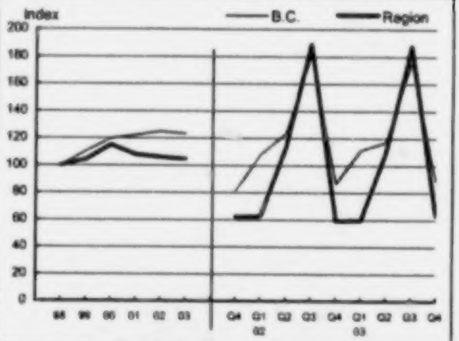
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Coast Dev. Region	1999	18,651.3	2,568.6	5,015.9	7,769.9	3,296.9
	2000	20,609.5	2,923.1	5,833.7	8,987.5	2,865.1
	2001	19,341.6	2,744.1	5,360.9	8,445.7	2,791.0
	2002	19,015.9	2,802.2	5,076.1	8,471.9	2,665.7
	2003	18,783.0	2,671.0	4,898.4	8,401.0	2,812.6
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	18,783.0	100.0%
Fishing lodges	3,479.2	18.5%
Hotels	9,441.1	50.3%
Motels	4,511.3	24.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

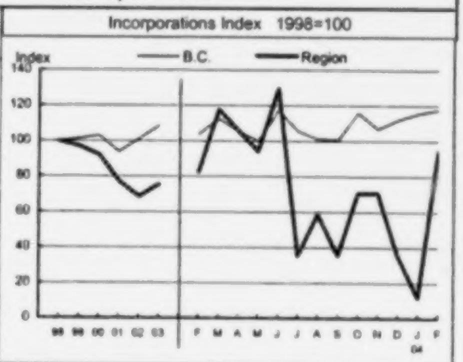


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	155
1997	123
1998	102
1999	99
2000	94
2001	79
2002	70
2003	77
Jan-Feb 03	13
Jan-Feb 04	9

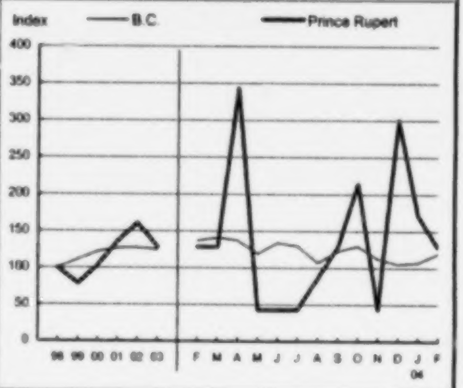
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



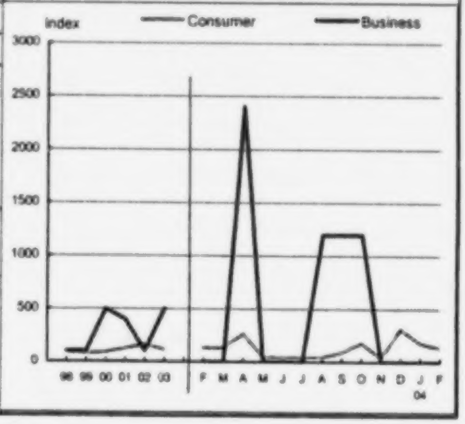
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince Rupert		Terrace		Kitimat	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	21	1	43	7	21	0
2000	24	5	38	4	27	0
2001	34	4	45	6	25	2
2002	44	1	38	3	24	3
2003	31	5	57	11	13	4
Jan-Feb 03	4	0	3	1	2	1
Jan-Feb 04	7	0	7	3	2	0

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince Rupert Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Sep '01	9.1	11.8	15.4	7.0	4.3
	Dec '01	10.4	13.3	17.2	8.2	4.6
	Mar '02	10.4	13.7	16.8	8.3	4.6
	Jun '02	9.3	12.2	14.7	7.5	4.1
	Sep '02	7.8	10.3	11.5	6.2	3.8
	Dec '02	7.6	10.0	10.5	6.3	3.4
	Mar '03	7.8	10.5	9.8	6.4	3.5
	Jun '03	7.6	10.7	9.3	6.1	3.6
	Sep '03	6.1	9.1	7.2	4.8	3.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

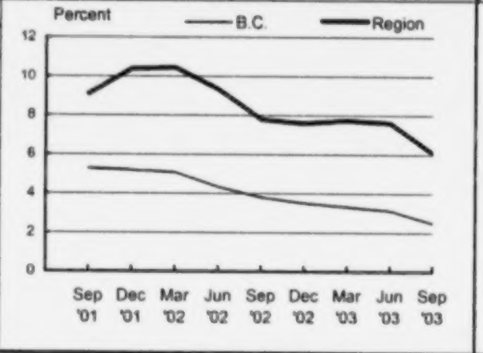
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
5.7	3.8	6.3	4.0	Sep '01
9.7	6.2	10.4	9.3	Dec '01
10.5	7.5	11.4	8.7	Mar '02
7.0	4.7	7.6	6.0	Jun '02
4.9	3.7	5.4	3.8	Sep '02
8.7	6.7	9.2	7.7	Dec '02
9.1	6.8	9.8	7.4	Mar '03
6.6	4.4	7.3	5.4	Jun '03
5.4	3.4	6.0	4.8	Sep '03

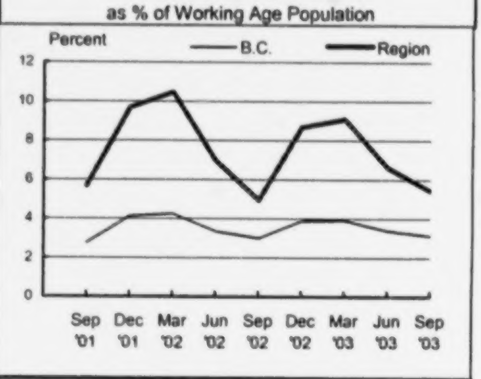
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,025	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.7	46.1
1-2 Years	19.1	14.9
>2 Years	37.2	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

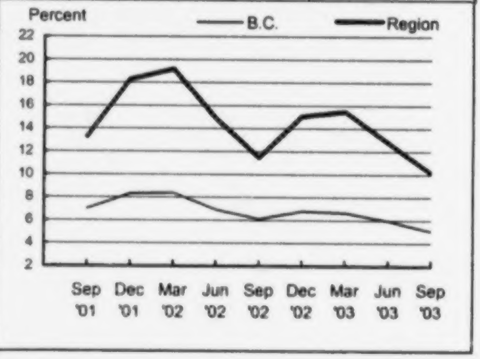
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Sep '01	13.3	18.8	13.1	9.0
	Dec '01	18.3	22.8	18.2	14.3
	Mar '02	19.2	23.8	19.4	13.5
	Jun '02	14.9	19.1	15.0	10.4
	Sep '02	11.5	15.0	11.5	7.8
	Dec '02	15.1	17.0	15.4	11.6
	Mar '03	15.5	16.6	16.1	11.3
	Jun '03	12.8	13.7	13.3	9.1
	Sep '03	10.1	10.5	10.7	7.0

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



North Coast
Development Region

13 Demographics

The median age of the population in this region is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately more children and less elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is substantially higher than the provincial rate, which partially contributes to the greater proportion of children. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated employment of the resource sectors, the gender ratio is biased in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men.

14 Projection

This region has tended to have more net migration outflows than inflows, but new economic opportunities that will be developing over the next couple of decades may reverse this trend towards small net inflows through most of the projection period. With the youthful population, the natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will remain relatively high, which will result in an overall tendency of population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

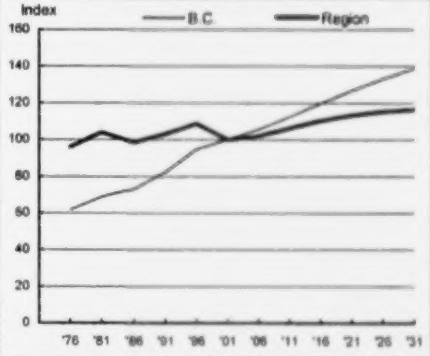
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	6.6	17.9	9.0	19.1	8.5	2.0	63.0	17.1	0.671	0.055	0.726	1976
1981	6.7	17.2	10.6	22.6	9.0	2.2	68.3	20.4	0.566	0.052	0.618	1981
1986	6.2	15.3	8.0	22.6	10.0	2.7	64.8	20.9	0.528	0.067	0.595	1986
1991	6.4	15.0	7.4	23.8	11.6	3.4	67.7	22.5	0.500	0.080	0.580	1991
1996	6.0	15.6	7.4	24.6	13.6	4.1	71.3	24.4	0.474	0.091	0.564	1996
2001	4.4	14.0	5.9	20.8	15.7	4.9	65.7	24.3	0.435	0.116	0.551	2001
2006	4.1	13.0	7.0	19.2	17.8	5.8	67.0	25.2	0.388	0.133	0.521	2006
2011	4.1	11.9	7.3	19.1	19.9	7.5	69.9	27.5	0.347	0.162	0.509	2011
2016	4.1	11.2	7.0	19.4	20.8	10.0	72.5	29.8	0.324	0.211	0.535	2016
2021	4.1	11.0	6.1	20.1	20.6	12.4	74.4	31.2	0.324	0.265	0.589	2021
2026	4.0	11.0	5.8	20.7	19.5	14.7	75.8	32.2	0.327	0.319	0.646	2026
2031	3.8	10.9	5.9	20.0	19.3	16.5	76.5	32.9	0.326	0.366	0.692	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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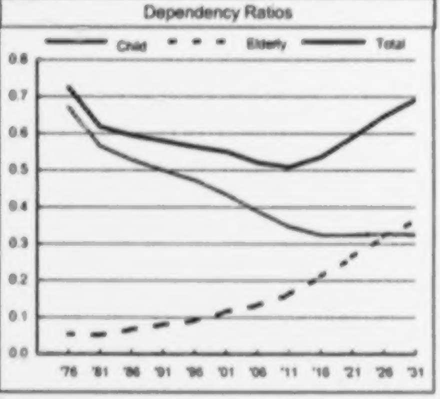


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Nechako
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Bulkley-Nechako, Stikine

Forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture are the main economic activities in this region. The increase in the AAC for the Cassiar TSA in 1996 did not precipitate population increases. In 2002, the AAC was reduced by one quarter. Several major mines have shut down in recent years; however, there is a great deal of potential for other mineral deposits to be exploited and new mines will be constructed over the next few years. Endako employees over 200 people. The Huckleberry Copper mine opened in 1997 and has an expected 16 year life. The Tulsequah Chief mine project on the Taku River near Atlin has been approved and could employ as many as 500 people. Most miners will likely live else where, flying in from all parts of Canada to work.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,861	1,862	134	46	12	2,054	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	525	430	31	10	0	471	22.9%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	12	7	1	3	1	12	0.6%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	233	201	11	4	0	216	10.5%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	55	64	8	7	7	86	4.2%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	47	53	2	0	0	55	2.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	129	178	23	6	0	207	10.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	168	184	2	3	2	191	9.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	13	19	0	0	0	19	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	45	23	2	1	0	26	1.3%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	143	47	3	0	0	50	2.4%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	127	125	3	0	0	128	6.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	65	23	1	1	0	25	1.2%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	60	50	1	0	0	51	2.5%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	8	17	2	1	2	22	1.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	10	87	10	5	0	102	5.0%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	26	40	1	1	0	42	2.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	78	143	20	3	0	166	8.1%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	116	149	4	0	0	153	7.4%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	19	8	1	0	28	1.4%	0.6%	878

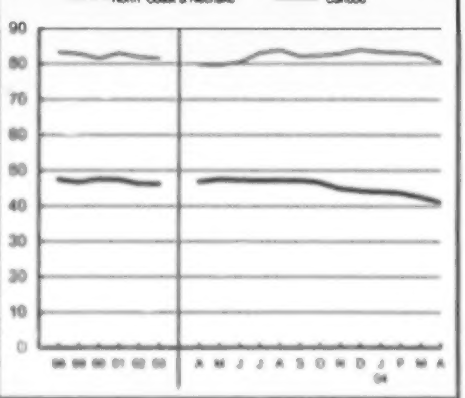
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Nechako
Development Region

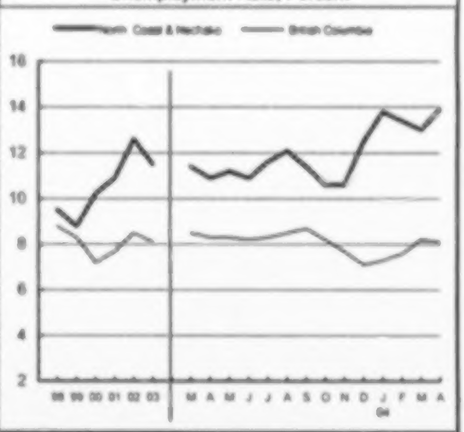
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1994		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001		47.4	10.9	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
2002		46.3	12.6	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
2003		46.2	11.5	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	43.7	13.4	83.1	10.7	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	42.6	13.0	82.6	12.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	41.0	13.9	80.3	13.1	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	46.3	11.2	79.1	12.9	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	41.9	13.9	81.1	12.8	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-9.7		2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



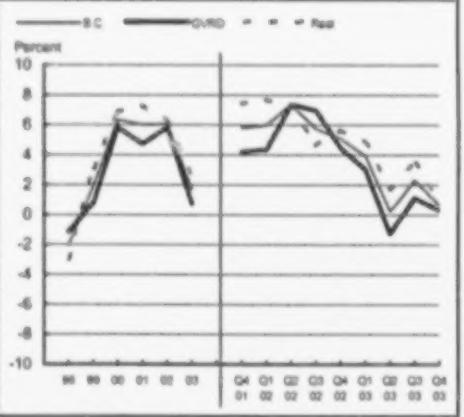
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

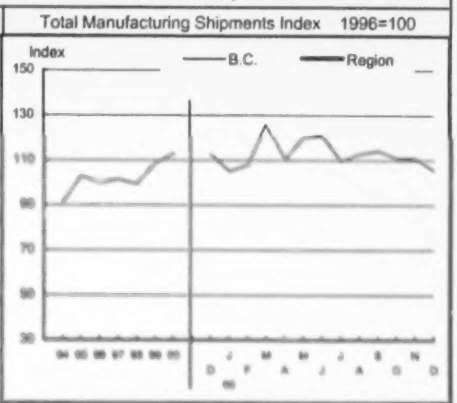
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



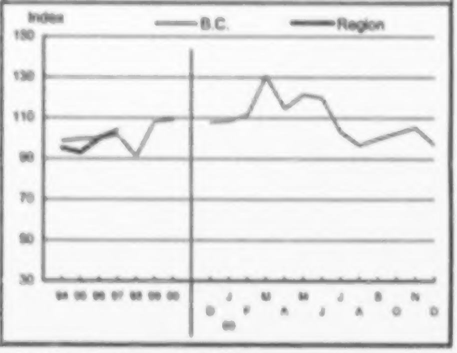
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	2	2	1	2
25	Wood	21	23	24	27	25
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	19	20	21	23	21
30	Metal Fabricating	2	3	3	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	35	37	40	43	41
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	879.0	1,054.8	1,031.9	1,108.4	1,148.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	1,098.2	1,142.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	6.2	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,672	2,790	2,795	2,652	2,693
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,562	2,647
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	64	30
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	121.1	127.6	132.6	126.7	126.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	123.5	127.3
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	2.0	1.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

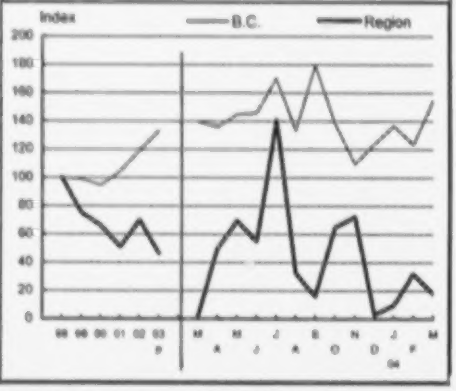


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	33.1	7.9	1.1	0.0	1.0	25.2	261
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	0.0	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	0.0	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.1	13.6	1.8	0.0	3.4	12.5	109
2000	23.0	13.3	1.6	0.0	2.9	9.7	71
2001	17.8	10.8	1.1	0.0	4.4	7.0	61
2002	24.3	19.5	5.5	0.0	10.0	4.9	35
2003 p	16.1	10.0	4.0	0.0	2.3	6.1	47
YTD Mar '03	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.1	0
YTD Mar '04	1.7	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Nechako
Development Region

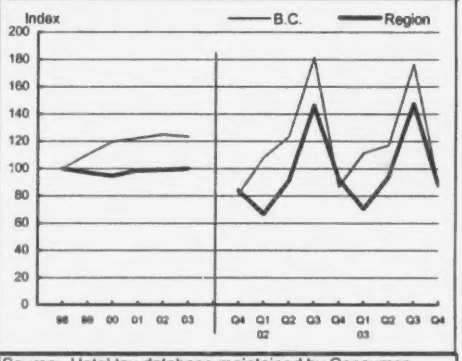
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nechako Dev. Region	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	8,929.4	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	1,955.3
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,929.4	100.0%
Fishing lodges	613.2	6.9%
Motels	5,054.9	56.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

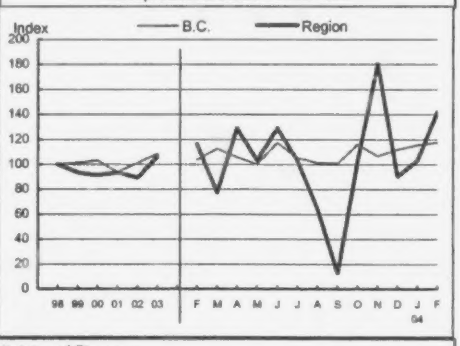


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	115
1997	87
1998	93
1999	87
2000	85
2001	87
2002	83
2003	99
Jan-Feb 03	22
Jan-Feb 04	19

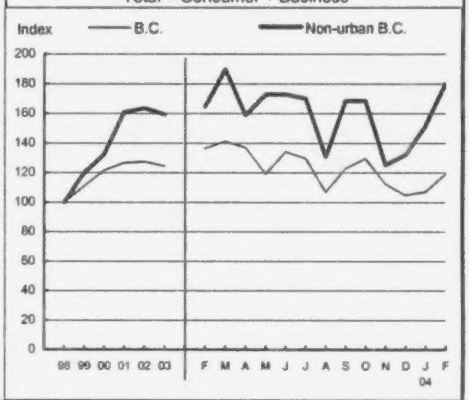
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



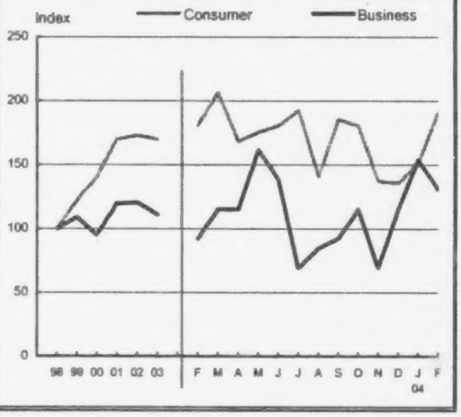
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

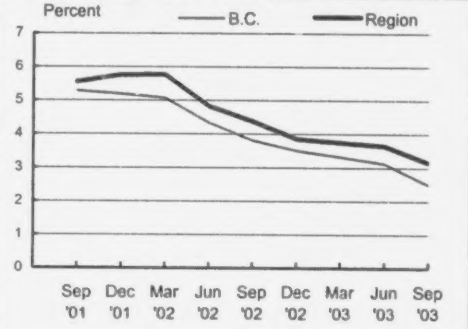
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Sep '01	5.6	6.9	9.1	4.5	2.9
	Dec '01	5.8	6.9	9.3	4.9	2.8
	Mar '02	5.8	6.8	9.5	4.9	2.8
	Jun '02	4.8	5.7	7.4	4.2	2.4
	Sep '02	4.4	5.5	6.0	3.7	2.3
	Dec '02	3.9	4.7	5.2	3.3	2.1
	Mar '03	3.8	4.7	4.3	3.4	2.0
	Jun '03	3.6	4.5	4.0	3.3	1.9
	Sep '03	3.2	4.3	3.9	2.6	1.7

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,153	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	49.3	46.1
1-2 Years	15.7	14.9
>2 Years	35.0	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



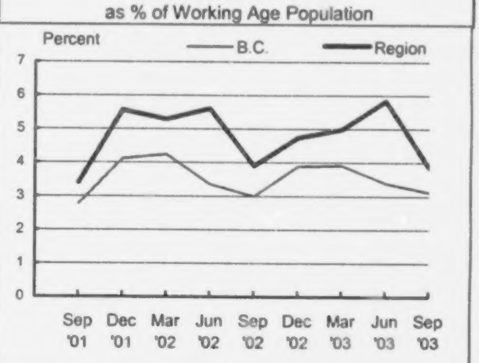
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Sep '01	3.4	3.6	3.6	2.1
Dec '01	5.6	6.3	5.8	3.3
Mar '02	5.3	6.3	5.6	2.8
Jun '02	5.6	5.7	6.1	3.0
Sep '02	3.9	4.1	4.2	2.4
Dec '02	4.7	4.8	5.1	2.9
Mar '03	5.0	5.7	5.3	3.0
Jun '03	5.8	5.8	6.4	3.3
Sep '03	3.9	4.5	4.1	2.2

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

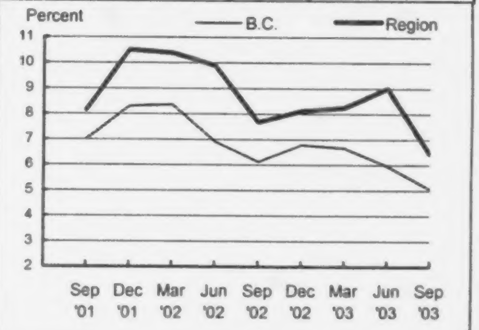
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Sep '01	8.2	12.4	7.9	5.0
	Dec '01	10.5	15.2	10.4	6.3
	Mar '02	10.4	15.6	10.3	5.7
	Jun '02	9.9	12.9	10.2	5.7
	Sep '02	7.7	10.0	7.8	4.8
	Dec '02	8.1	9.9	8.4	5.2
	Mar '03	8.3	9.9	8.6	5.0
	Jun '03	9.0	9.8	9.6	5.4
	Sep '03	6.4	8.4	6.7	3.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Nechako

Development Region

13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is substantially lower than the provincial median and the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also substantially higher in this region compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is one of the reasons for the youthful population, since it is also much higher than the provincial rate. The remoteness of a large portion of the region is likely another reason, since the elderly tend not to live in areas that are distant from medical facilities and other services. The gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economic activities in the region.

14 Projection

A large portion of this region is very sparsely populated. Net migration to the area has been negative in recent years and this trend should continue for the next few years. The region should experience small net inflows with the recoveries expected in the resource sector in the latter half of this decade. Combined with a positive natural increase (i.e. the excess of births over deaths), the population should grow modestly over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

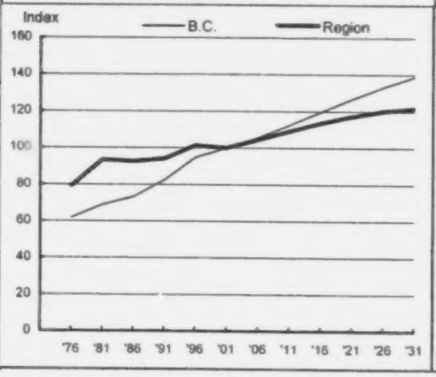
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.7	10.4	4.8	9.9	4.9	1.3	35.0	9.7	0.723	0.067	0.790	1976
1981	4.5	10.6	6.2	13.0	5.5	1.6	41.4	12.5	0.613	0.066	0.678	1981
1986	4.2	10.1	4.7	13.8	6.1	2.0	41.0	13.1	0.583	0.080	0.662	1986
1991	3.8	10.1	4.2	14.3	6.9	2.4	41.6	13.8	0.547	0.094	0.641	1991
1996	3.8	10.2	4.6	14.9	8.4	3.0	44.8	15.4	0.499	0.109	0.608	1996
2001	3.1	9.6	4.3	13.8	10.0	3.4	44.3	16.3	0.455	0.122	0.577	2001
2006	2.9	9.0	4.9	13.0	12.2	4.2	46.2	17.1	0.393	0.141	0.534	2006
2011	3.0	8.1	4.9	13.1	13.9	5.3	48.3	18.8	0.348	0.165	0.513	2011
2016	3.0	7.8	4.6	13.7	14.5	6.6	50.2	20.3	0.330	0.203	0.533	2016
2021	2.9	7.9	4.0	14.3	14.4	8.4	52.0	21.5	0.333	0.258	0.592	2021
2026	2.8	8.0	3.9	14.4	13.8	10.3	53.2	22.3	0.334	0.321	0.656	2026
2031	2.6	7.7	4.1	13.7	14.0	11.8	53.9	23.1	0.327	0.374	0.701	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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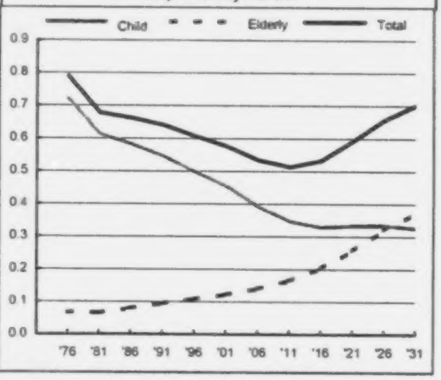


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Northeast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Peace River, Northern Rockies

The AAC has been increased to address beetle infestation. The refurbished Tembec pulp mill will likely attract some people to the Chetwynd area. The OSB plant in LHA 81 is being postponed but indications are that it will go ahead in the next few years. Bullmoose will likely be depleted in the spring of 2003 but other mines, Wolverine & Brazion, providing approximately 450 jobs will likely go into production in the next few years. Gas exploration continues in the Northeast with discoveries still being made. High demand and diminishing supplies will likely initiate the building of a gas pipeline from Prudoe Bay which may follow the Mackenzie Valley into Alberta or perhaps may follow the Alaska Highway through northeast BC. There are several small pipelines either under construction. Rising prices for electricity have initiated new and upgraded generation facilities throughout the province. The break up of BC hydro is of concern to the people in the north as energy requirements are high. The Site C dam may be required to meet growing demand for electricity which will likely exceed supply by 2010. This project currently seems to be unlikely given the emphasis on 'small foot print' projects.

While the rest of western Canada has suffered from drought, the Northeast has had continued good production and benefited from a rise in prices. Tourism activity has been increasing in recent years and efforts are being made to more effectively divert travelers destined to the Yukon and Alaska.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150.
The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Northeast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,344	2,894	249	112	18	3,273	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	810	283	17	1	0	301	9.2%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	191	225	26	11	1	263	8.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	7	0	0	0	7	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	450	372	30	21	3	426	13.0%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	81	64	3	8	4	79	2.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	74	120	20	2	0	142	4.3%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	158	267	25	17	0	309	9.4%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	383	311	16	8	1	336	10.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	10	30	3	1	0	34	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	64	36	11	0	0	47	1.4%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	242	89	10	3	1	103	3.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	229	235	13	4	0	252	7.7%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	91	19	1	2	0	22	0.7%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	127	137	4	3	0	144	4.4%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	11	25	1	1	4	31	0.9%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	23	155	13	6	3	177	5.4%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	30	51	3	0	0	54	1.6%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	86	134	43	15	1	193	5.9%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	283	327	9	1	0	337	10.3%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	7	1	8	0	16	0.5%	0.6%	878

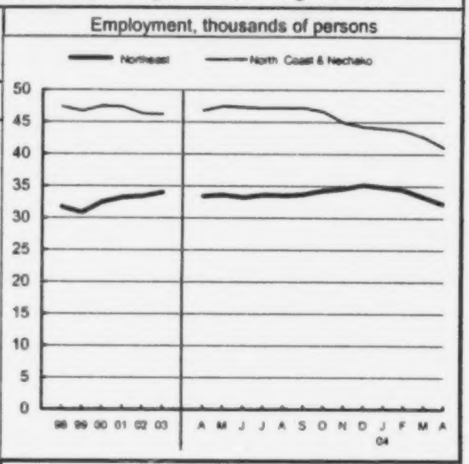
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Northeast
Development Region

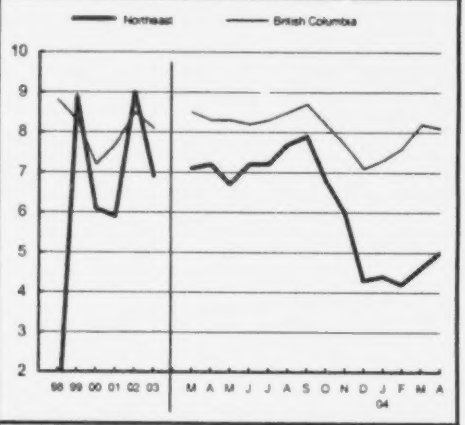
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	31.7	NA	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	33.2	5.9	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	33.4	9.0	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	34.0	6.9	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	33.6	8.9	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	33.7	8.2	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	33.8	7.1	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	33.4	7.2	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
	May	33.6	6.7	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	33.2	7.2	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	33.6	7.2	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	33.5	7.7	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	33.7	7.9	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	34.3	6.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	34.6	6.0	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	35.2	4.3	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	34.8	4.4	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	34.4	4.2	43.7	13.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	33.3	4.6	42.6	13.0	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	32.2	5.0	41.0	13.9	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	33.5	7.6	46.3	11.2	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	32.6	5.0	41.9	13.9	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-2.5		-9.7		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



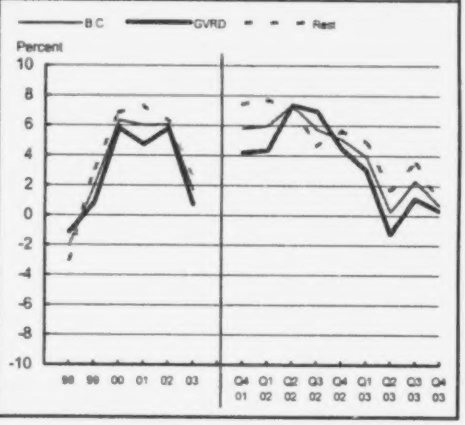
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

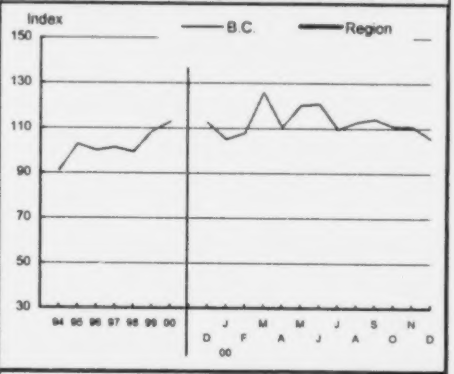
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



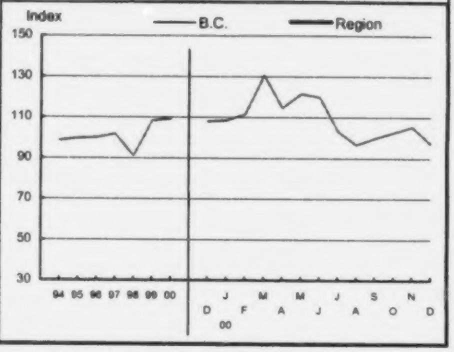
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	2	2
25	Wood	11	10	10	10	11
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	7	6	7	7	7
30	Metal Fabricating	9	9	9	9	9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	39	38	40	41	40
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	8.5	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	624.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	42	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	2,213
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	1.2	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	113.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

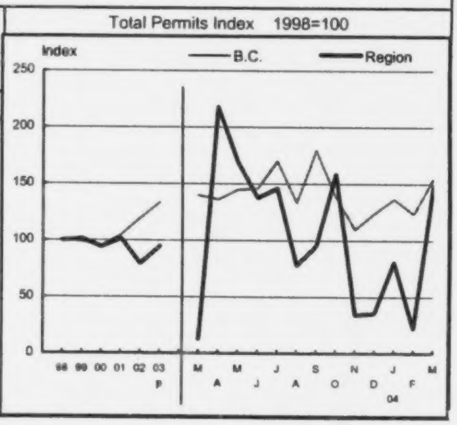


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	41.7	22.2	2.7	108.6	2.5	19.5	131
1997	47.6	20.4	0.3	116.3	0.9	27.2	231
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	117.5	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.4	30.4	5.0	224.2	3.3	29.0	330
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	124.1	3.5	27.8	241
2001	59.5	34.3	1.7	165.6	16.6	25.2	189
2002	46.7	26.0	5.0	176.9	1.5	20.7	133
2003 p	55.6	28.0	6.8	226.6	1.3	27.6	253
YTD Mar '03	3.2	2.3	0.3	49.3	0.1	0.9	10
YTD Mar '04	12.3	9.4	6.0	23.1	1.5	2.9	13

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Northeast
Development Region

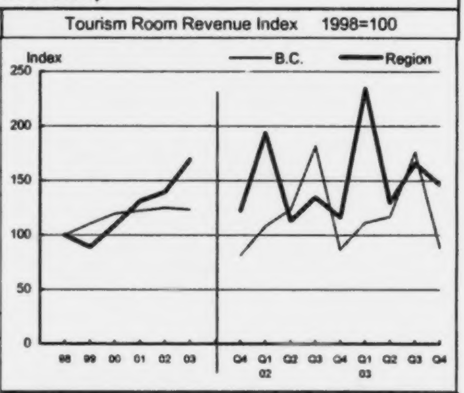
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northeast Dev. Region	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	37,904.2	13,153.3	7,696.9	9,143.1	7,910.9
	2003	46,006.1	15,934.8	8,830.6	11,275.8	9,964.9
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	46,006.1	100.0%
Hotels	20,043.4	43.6%
Motels	11,129.1	24.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

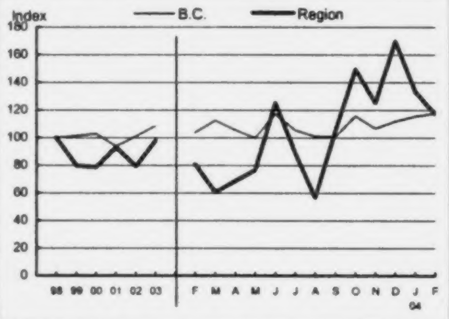


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	253
1997	302
1998	297
1999	237
2000	234
2001	277
2002	236
2003	291
Jan-Feb 03	37
Jan-Feb 04	62

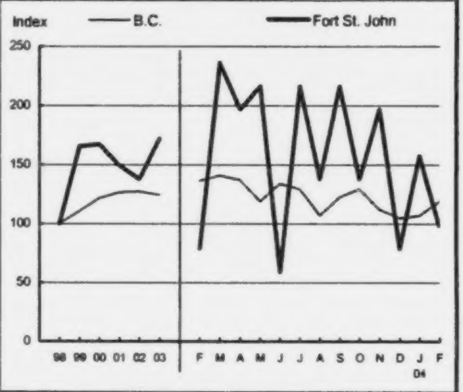
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



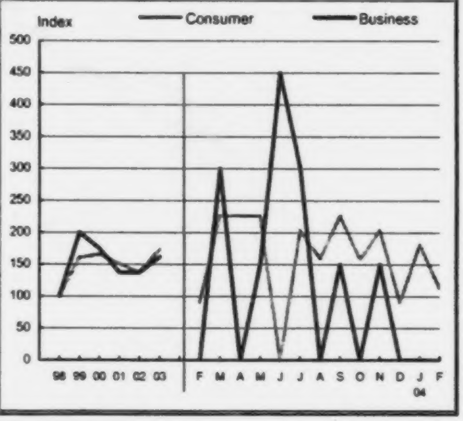
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Fort St. John		Dawson Creek		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	85	16	21	3	8,181	1,077
2000	88	14	30	3	9,184	980
2001	80	11	31	7	9,476	1,101
2002	73	11	32	6	9,531	1,107
2003	92	13	27	7	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	16	3	6	3	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	13	0	1	1	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Fort St. John Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Sep '01	4.7	6.0	6.4	3.8	2.9
	Dec '01	4.7	5.7	6.9	3.9	2.7
	Mar '02	4.3	5.4	5.7	3.5	2.5
	Jun '02	3.5	4.5	4.3	2.9	2.1
	Sep '02	3.0	3.9	3.5	2.4	1.9
	Dec '02	2.8	3.7	2.8	2.3	1.7
	Mar '03	2.4	3.2	2.7	2.0	1.5
	Jun '03	2.4	3.1	2.3	2.0	1.4
	Sep '03	2.1	3.0	2.0	1.7	1.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

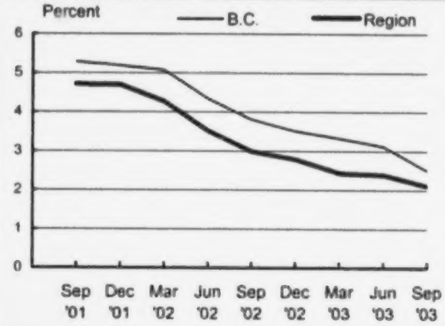
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.7	4.0	3.8	2.9	Sep '01
4.4	5.6	4.4	3.1	Dec '01
4.2	5.2	4.3	2.6	Mar '02
5.5	6.9	5.7	3.2	Jun '02
4.4	4.9	4.6	2.7	Sep '02
5.1	6.2	5.2	3.2	Dec '02
4.2	5.2	4.4	2.4	Mar '03
5.7	6.7	5.8	3.9	Jun '03
4.9	5.8	5.0	3.5	Sep '03

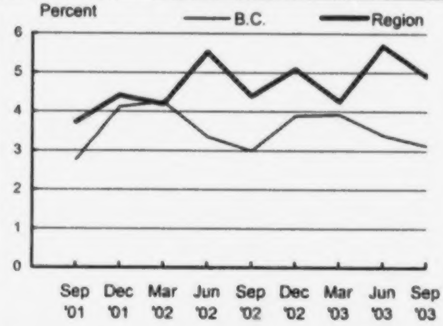
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,209	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	61.8	46.1
1-2 Years	11.3	14.9
>2 Years	26.9	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

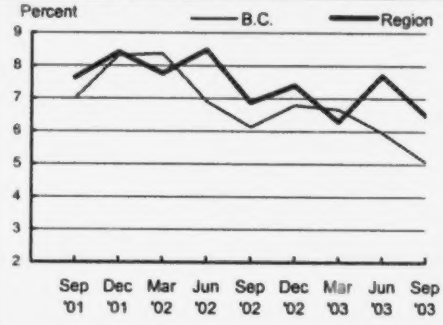
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Sep '01	7.6	10.2	7.5	5.7
	Dec '01	8.4	12.2	8.1	6.2
	Mar '02	7.8	10.7	7.6	5.5
	Jun '02	8.5	11.1	8.5	5.7
	Sep '02	6.9	8.2	6.9	5.1
	Dec '02	7.4	9.0	7.4	5.5
	Mar '03	6.3	7.8	6.3	4.5
	Jun '03	7.7	8.9	7.8	5.8
	Sep '03	6.5	7.7	6.6	4.4

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Northeast
Development Region

13 Demographics

The remoteness of the area is probably the reason for a median age that is substantially lower than the provincial median. The total fertility rate is also much higher than the provincial rate, which also contributes to a younger age structure. The ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is much higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated resource industries, the gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

14 Projection

The developments in the mining, oil and gas sector should result in overall population inflows for this region. There is a lot of growth potential due to the abundance of natural resources located in the area and this should translate into strong population growth over the long-term. However, there will be some outflows in the short-term due to the layoffs in forestry and mines.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

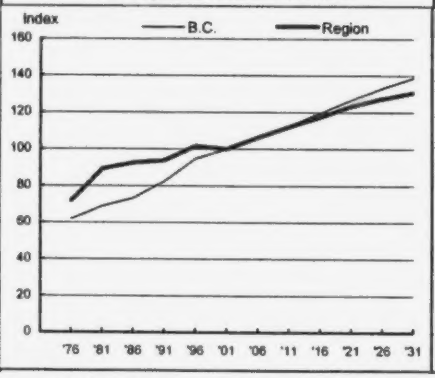
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.5	13.9	6.2	12.8	6.6	2.1	46.0	12.9	0.719	0.081	0.799	1976
1981	5.7	14.0	9.6	17.7	7.8	2.4	57.1	17.8	0.560	0.069	0.628	1981
1986	6.0	13.5	7.6	20.4	8.9	2.8	59.2	20.1	0.528	0.077	0.605	1986
1991	5.6	13.4	6.5	21.3	9.8	3.5	60.0	20.8	0.507	0.093	0.600	1991
1996	5.6	14.3	6.7	22.9	11.4	4.0	65.0	22.6	0.486	0.097	0.583	1996
2001	4.6	13.6	6.7	21.3	13.2	4.6	64.0	23.9	0.442	0.112	0.554	2001
2006	4.2	13.3	7.2	21.2	16.6	5.6	68.1	25.4	0.390	0.126	0.516	2006
2011	4.2	12.3	7.3	21.3	19.6	6.9	71.7	28.0	0.344	0.143	0.487	2011
2016	4.3	11.6	7.2	21.9	21.3	8.8	75.1	30.6	0.317	0.174	0.491	2016
2021	4.4	11.7	6.6	23.0	22.1	11.1	78.9	32.9	0.313	0.215	0.528	2021
2026	4.3	11.9	6.3	23.4	21.9	13.8	81.6	34.5	0.315	0.267	0.582	2026
2031	4.2	12.0	6.4	22.9	22.1	16.3	83.8	35.9	0.315	0.318	0.633	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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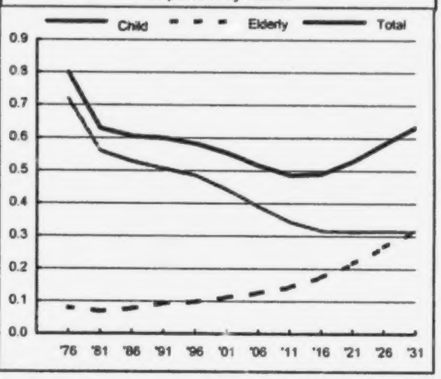


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet

The AAC has been reduced and employment in the forestry industry has dropped rapidly over the last ten years. Currently, value added products to the US are suffering from trade restriction while raw logs exports climb rapidly entering the US duty free. The main port in the area, Port Alberni has been particularly hard hit by the reduction in the AAC and trade restrictions. The sports fishery has also declined while tourists by-pass Port alberni and travel to the west coast communities of Tofino and Ucluelet to engage in alternative outdoor activities.

Mining of aggregates will likely go ahead resulting in some increased employment

Fish farming, both shell and fin fish are preparing to expand but regulatory issues are still being worked out. The wild fishery caught large volumes of salmon this year, but employment will likely continue to drop as stocks are exhausted and farming moves in.

On the horizon, off-shore oil may become an important activity as well as water export however these events are not factored into the projection.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Alberni-Clayoquot							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Em-ployees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	826	1,050	74	38	8	1,170	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	97	82	12	5	2	101	8.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	116	111	4	0	0	115	9.8%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	25	41	3	5	3	52	4.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	21	33	1	2	1	37	3.2%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	77	159	10	5	0	174	14.9%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	64	67	3	1	0	71	6.1%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	4	8	0	0	0	8	0.7%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	25	20	2	0	0	22	1.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	98	33	2	0	0	35	3.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	67	58	1	0	0	59	5.0%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	41	13	1	0	0	14	1.2%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	34	52	3	1	0	56	4.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	9	11	1	0	1	13	1.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	12	106	1	5	1	113	9.7%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	16	27	1	1	0	29	2.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	65	108	21	10	0	139	11.9%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	54	109	2	0	0	111	9.5%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	11	6	3	0	20	1.7%	0.6%	878

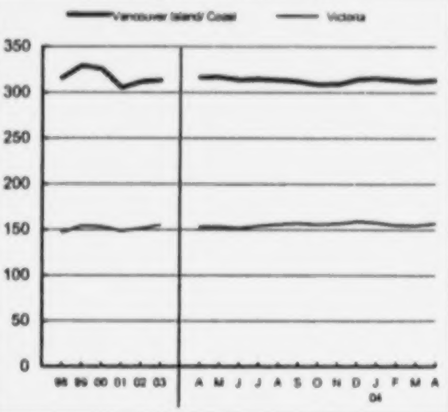
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

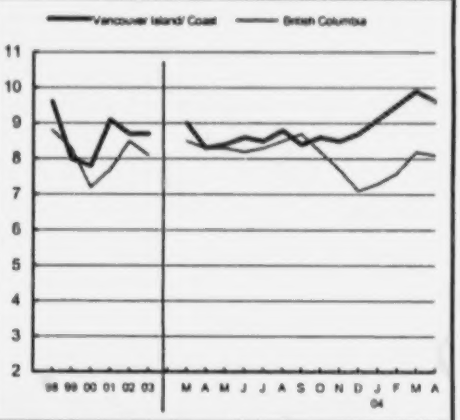
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003 Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004 Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
Feb	313.6	9.5	155.0	5.4	2,029.3	7.6
Mar	312.0	9.9	154.9	5.4	2,014.5	8.2
Apr	313.2	9.6	157.1	4.4	2,011.8	8.1
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Apr03	313.4	8.8	152.8	6.0	1,977.0	8.5
Jan-Apr04	312.7	9.5	156.2	5.1	2,015.1	8.1
% Change	-0.2		2.2		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



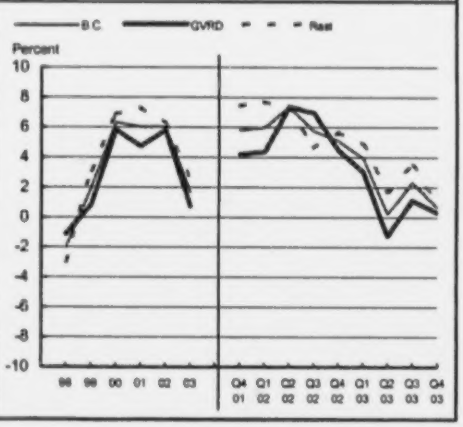
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

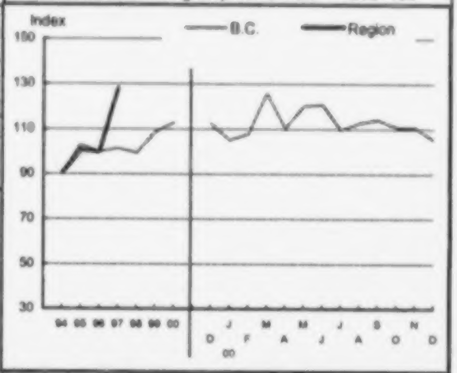


Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

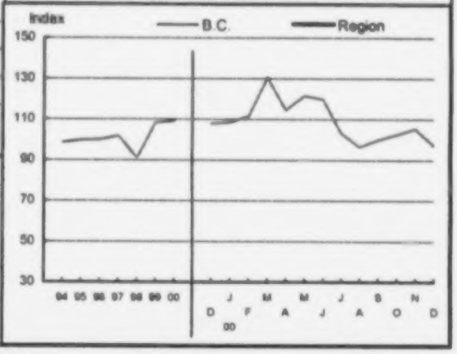
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	1	3
25	Wood	5	5	5	6	7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3	4	4	5	6
30	Metal Fabricating	5	5	7	7	7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	20	20	21	22	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	276.5	301.1	260.0	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	492.0	548.1	544.7	696.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,053	1,019	1,016	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	2,092	2,115	2,093	2,431
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	50.0	51.9	51.6	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	99.1	107.9	111.0	113.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

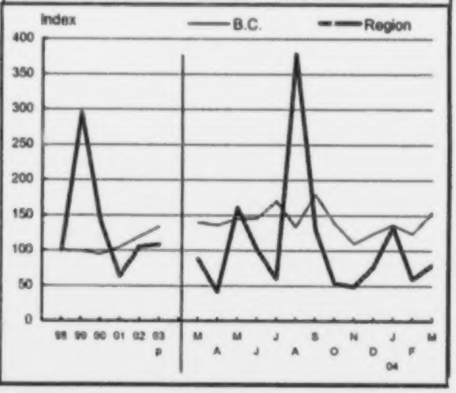


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	34.2	8.0	-	34.2	1.8	26.2	251
1997	22.2	6.5	0.5	22.2	0.5	15.6	139
1998	20.4	9.8	0.2	20.4	3.5	10.6	97
1999	60.3	49.2	0.7	60.3	44.3	11.1	91
2000	29.0	19.5	4.6	29.0	3.7	9.6	74
2001	13.0	6.0	0.4	13.0	2.0	7.0	39
2002	21.5	10.0	0.6	21.5	1.3	11.4	88
2003 p	22.1	9.2	1.0	22.1	0.5	12.9	83
YTD Mar '03	4.2	1.5	0.0	4.2	0.0	2.7	19
YTD Mar '04	4.6	2.2	0.1	4.6	0.0	2.4	15

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

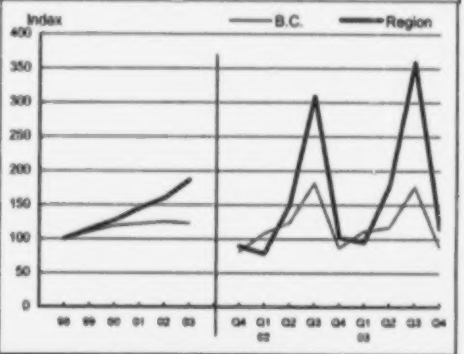
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	1999	21,138.9	2,671.2	5,086.5	10,187.3	3,194.0
	2000	23,504.5	2,903.5	5,877.7	11,112.7	3,610.7
	2001	26,862.1	3,306.5	7,166.4	12,245.6	4,143.6
	2002	29,557.6	3,620.1	6,911.0	14,277.9	4,748.7
	2003	34,567.3	4,407.8	8,219.3	16,607.9	5,332.4
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	34,567.3	100.0%
Hotels	8,686.6	25.1%
Motels	3,792.9	11.0%
Vacation Rentals	11,390.1	33.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

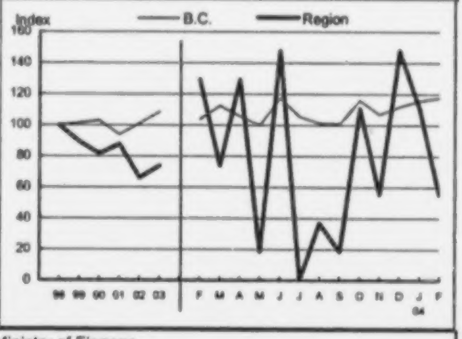


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	63
1997	66
1998	65
1999	58
2000	53
2001	57
2002	43
2003	48
Jan-Feb 03	8
Jan-Feb 04	9

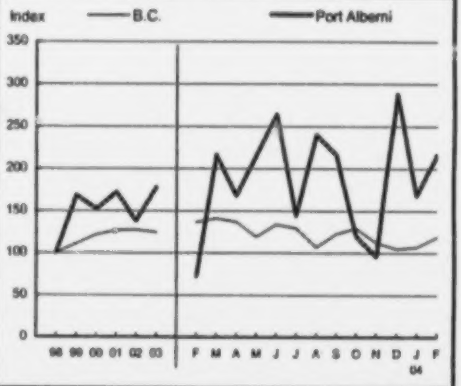
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



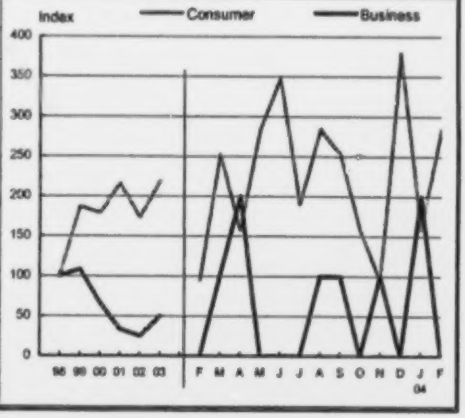
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Port Alberni		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	71	13	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	68	8	983	148	9,164	980
2001	82	4	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	66	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	83	6	1,186	173	9,365	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	7	0	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	14	2	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Port Alberni Indices 1998=100



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Sep '01	9.0	13.0	12.1	7.5	4.1
	Dec '01	8.8	12.4	12.9	7.4	4.1
	Mar '02	9.1	13.0	12.8	7.7	4.2
	Jun '02	7.9	11.7	10.1	6.8	3.8
	Sep '02	6.7	10.2	8.0	5.6	3.5
	Dec '02	6.3	8.9	6.7	5.6	2.9
	Mar '03	6.2	9.2	6.5	5.6	2.8
	Jun '03	5.8	8.7	6.0	5.2	2.7
	Sep '03	4.8	7.7	4.9	4.2	2.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

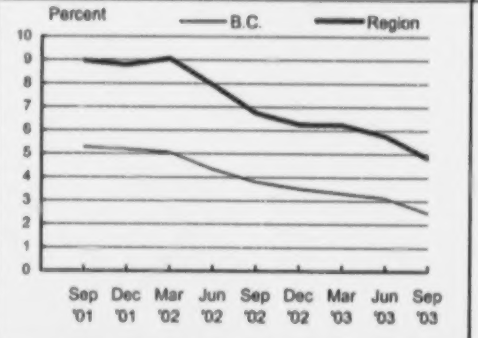
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.7	3.6	4.4	1.1	Sep '01
8.7	8.2	10.0	3.5	Dec '01
7.7	7.8	8.9	3.0	Mar '02
3.9	4.5	4.4	1.6	Jun '02
3.5	3.8	4.1	1.4	Sep '02
6.7	7.3	7.5	3.3	Dec '02
6.1	6.1	7.0	3.0	Mar '03
4.0	4.4	4.6	1.6	Jun '03
4.4	3.9	5.3	1.8	Sep '03

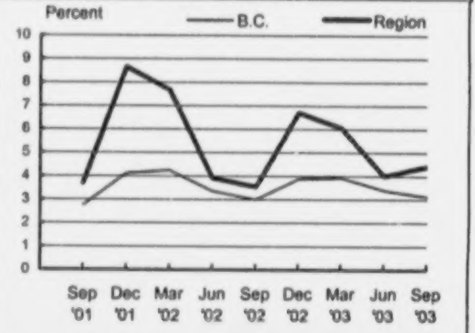
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,222	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.2	46.1
1-2 Years	16.0	14.9
>2 Years	40.8	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

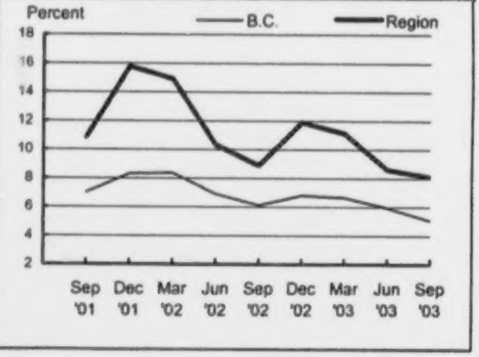
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Sep '01	10.9	15.3	11.7	4.7
	Dec '01	15.8	20.6	17.2	6.9
	Mar '02	14.9	20.1	16.3	6.2
	Jun '02	10.3	14.5	11.1	4.6
	Sep '02	8.9	11.7	9.6	4.4
	Dec '02	11.9	13.9	13.1	6.2
	Mar '03	11.1	12.7	12.5	5.6
	Jun '03	8.6	10.4	9.7	3.7
	Sep '03	8.1	8.8	9.4	3.3

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region has generally been a net loser of migrants and the trend is expected to continue as the economy is transformed from resource-based industries to more service-oriented industries. The gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economy and the dependence on resource-based employment, which tends to be male-dominated. The proportion of elderly people (over 65 years of age) has been gradually increasing while the proportion of children (those under 18 years of age) has been decreasing.

14 Projection

It is projected that the traditional net migration outflows for this area will continue for the short-term, due to constraints in the resource sectors. Although there are plans to further develop the tourist industry and to attract more retirees to the region, the number of jobs in the service sector supported by these activities is less than those supported by the forest sector. This means that it will take more than one tourism job to achieve the same spin-off benefits of one forest job. Low overall net migration combined with an increase in deaths will likely result in a modest decline in population for the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

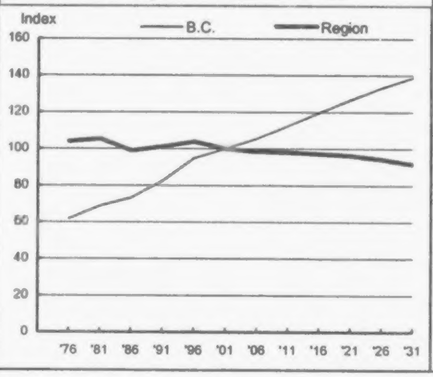
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.8	8.9	4.6	9.1	5.8	1.8	33.0	10.0	0.598	0.091	0.689	1976
1981	2.7	7.7	4.7	10.0	6.0	2.2	33.4	11.1	0.504	0.106	0.609	1981
1986	2.4	6.7	3.3	9.8	6.2	2.8	31.4	11.4	0.471	0.147	0.617	1986
1991	2.4	6.5	3.0	10.2	6.7	3.3	32.0	11.9	0.443	0.164	0.608	1991
1996	2.2	6.4	3.0	9.9	7.6	3.8	32.9	12.7	0.418	0.184	0.602	1996
2001	1.6	5.8	2.7	8.6	8.7	4.3	31.7	13.2	0.368	0.214	0.582	2001
2006	1.4	5.0	2.8	7.7	9.5	4.8	31.2	13.3	0.321	0.239	0.560	2006
2011	1.4	4.3	2.8	7.3	9.9	5.4	31.1	13.9	0.282	0.269	0.551	2011
2016	1.4	3.7	2.7	7.3	9.5	6.3	30.9	14.4	0.263	0.325	0.588	2016
2021	1.4	3.7	2.1	7.6	8.5	7.3	30.6	14.5	0.276	0.403	0.679	2021
2026	1.3	3.6	1.9	7.5	7.6	8.1	30.0	14.3	0.286	0.480	0.766	2026
2031	1.1	3.4	1.9	6.9	7.2	8.5	29.1	14.0	0.286	0.534	0.820	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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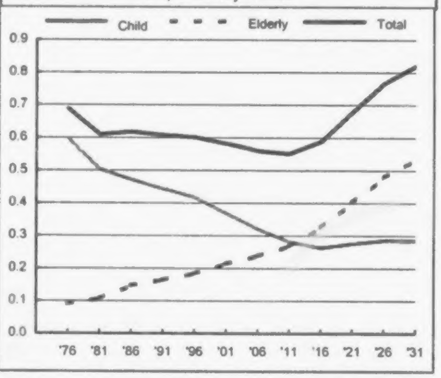


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Granisle, Houston, Smithers, Telkwa, Vanderhoof

Forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture are the main economic drivers for this region. The agriculture industry in this region consists mainly of grain production. There are currently two major mines operating in the area (Endako Molybdenum Mine and Huckleberry Copper Mine). Smithers is also one of the major supply and service points for mineral exploration and development in northern British Columbia and miners working in fly-in operations are often based there.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Bulkley-Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,805	1,814	131	45	12	2,002	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	521	428	31	10	0	469	23.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	7	1	3	1	12	0.6%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	219	196	10	4	0	210	10.5%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	54	61	8	7	7	83	4.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	47	53	2	0	0	55	2.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	124	170	23	6	0	199	9.9%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	163	177	2	3	2	184	9.2%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	13	19	0	0	0	19	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	44	22	2	1	0	25	1.2%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	141	47	3	0	0	50	2.5%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	123	124	3	0	0	127	6.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	63	23	1	1	0	25	1.2%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	57	47	1	0	0	48	2.4%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	7	16	2	0	2	20	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	10	85	10	5	0	100	5.0%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	25	36	1	1	0	38	1.9%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	75	135	18	3	0	156	7.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	108	148	4	0	0	152	7.6%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	17	8	1	0	26	1.3%	0.6%	878

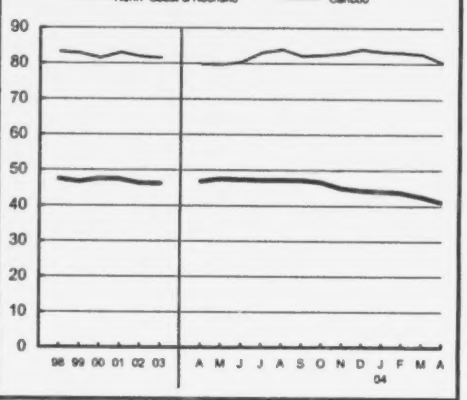
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District

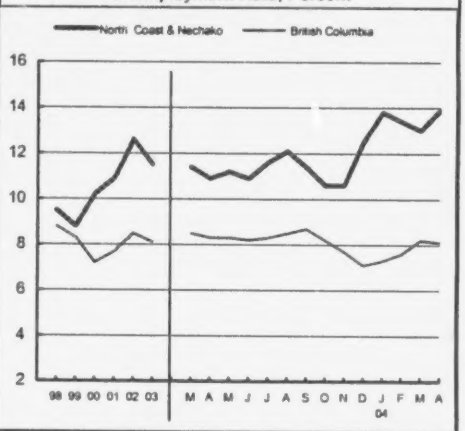
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	46.3	12.6	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	46.2	11.5	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	43.7	13.4	83.1	10.7	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	42.6	13.0	82.6	12.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	41.0	13.9	80.3	13.1	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	46.3	11.2	79.1	12.9	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	41.9	13.9	81.1	12.8	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-9.7		2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



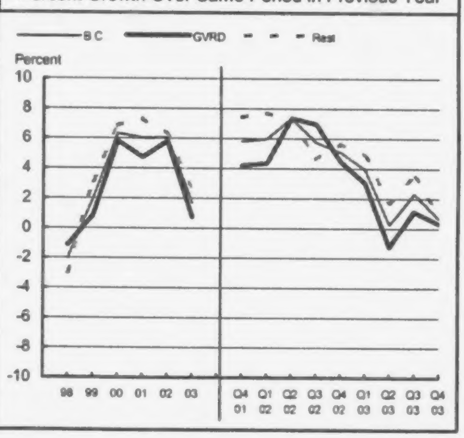
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual data	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly data	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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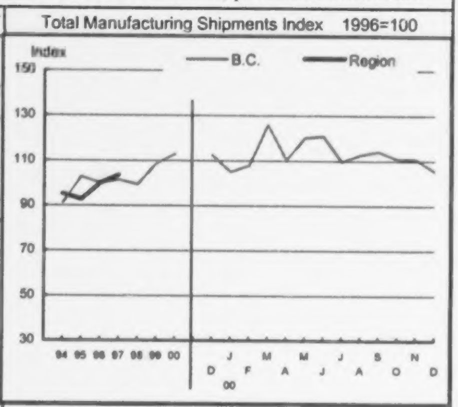
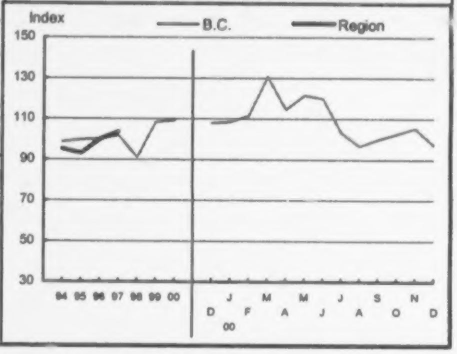
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	2	2	1	2
25	Wood	21	23	24	27	25
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	19	20	21	23	21
30	Metal Fabricating	2	2	2	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	34	36	38	42	40
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	879.0	1,054.8	1,031.9	1,108.4	1,148.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	1,098.2	1,142.5
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	6.2	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	899.0	1,079.5	1,051.7	1,132.7	1,173.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,672	2,790	2,795	2,652	2,693
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,562	2,647
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	64	39
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,854	3,021	2,996	2,881	2,920
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	121.1	127.6	132.6	126.7	128.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	123.5	127.3
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	2.0	1.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	135.0	139.5	134.2	136.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

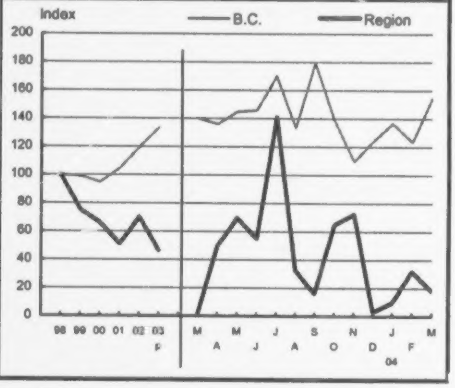


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	33.1	7.9	1.1	0.0	1.0	25.2	261
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	0.0	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	0.0	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.1	13.6	1.8	0.0	3.4	12.5	109
2000	23.0	13.3	1.6	0.0	2.9	9.7	71
2001	17.8	10.8	1.1	0.0	4.4	7.0	61
2002	24.3	19.5	5.5	0.0	10.0	4.9	35
2003 p	16.1	10.0	4.0	0.0	2.3	6.1	47
YTD Mar '03	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.1	0
YTD Mar '04	1.7	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District

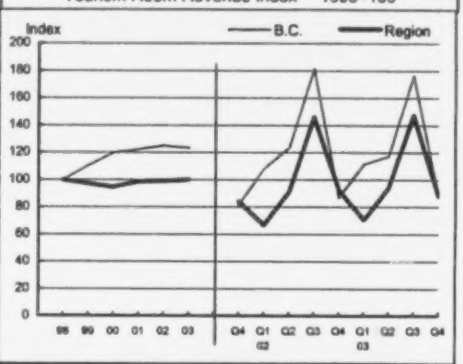
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Stikine Region ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	8,929.4	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	1,955.3
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,929.4	100.0%
Fishing lodges	613.2	6.9%
Motels	5,054.9	56.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

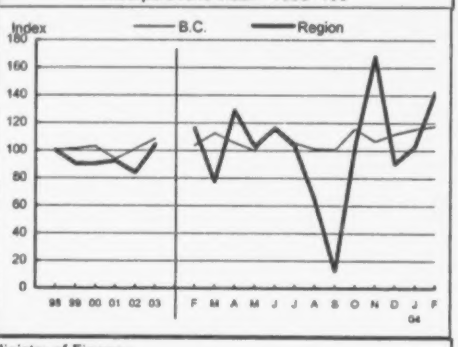


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	109
1997	86
1998	93
1999	84
2000	84
2001	86
2002	78
2003	97
Jan-Feb 03	22
Jan-Feb 04	19

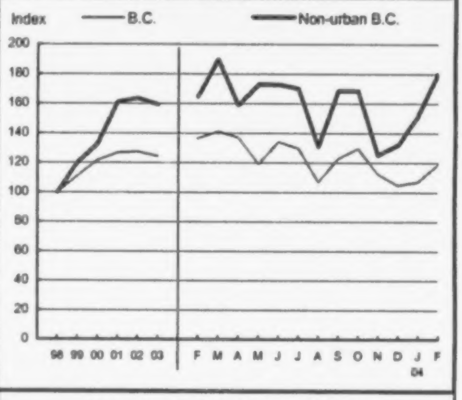
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



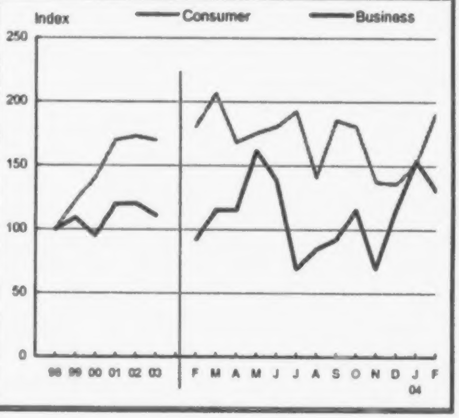
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Sep '01	5.6	6.9	9.2	4.5	3.0
	Dec '01	5.8	6.9	9.4	4.9	2.9
	Mar '02	5.8	6.8	9.6	4.9	2.8
	Jun '02	4.9	5.7	7.4	4.2	2.4
	Sep '02	4.4	5.5	6.1	3.7	2.3
	Dec '02	3.9	4.7	5.2	3.4	2.1
	Mar '03	3.8	4.6	4.3	3.5	2.0
	Jun '03	3.7	4.5	4.0	3.4	1.9
	Sep '03	3.2	4.2	3.9	2.6	1.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

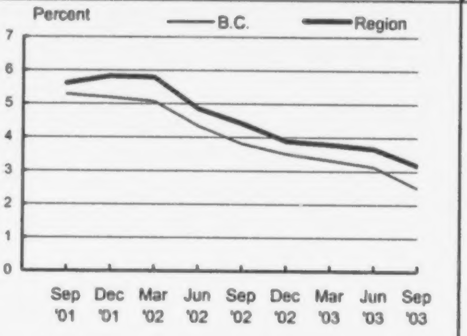
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.4	3.6	3.6	2.0	Sep '01
5.4	6.3	5.7	3.1	Dec '01
5.1	6.3	5.4	2.6	Mar '02
5.6	5.6	6.1	2.9	Jun '02
3.9	4.1	4.2	2.3	Sep '02
4.5	4.6	4.9	2.7	Dec '02
4.8	5.5	5.1	2.8	Mar '03
5.8	5.8	6.4	3.4	Jun '03
3.8	4.5	4.0	2.2	Sep '03

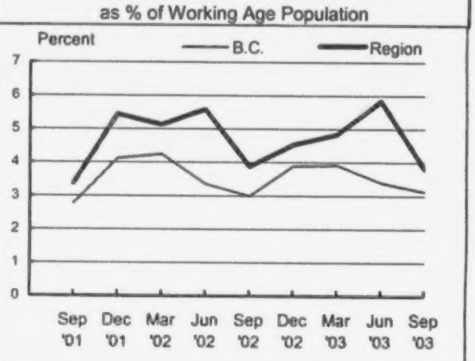
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,132	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.8	46.1
1-2 Years	15.7	14.9
>2 Years	35.5	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

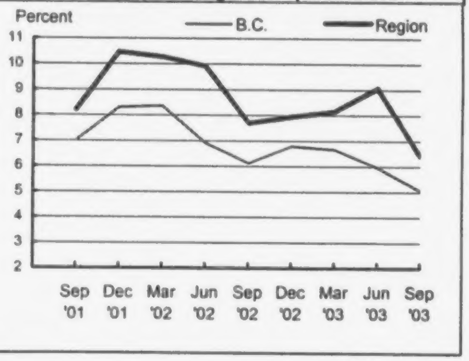
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Sep '01	8.2	12.5	8.0	5.0
	Dec '01	10.5	15.2	10.4	6.2
	Mar '02	10.3	15.6	10.2	5.5
	Jun '02	9.9	12.9	10.2	5.7
	Sep '02	7.7	10.0	7.8	4.9
	Dec '02	7.9	9.7	8.2	5.0
	Mar '03	8.2	9.8	8.5	4.9
	Jun '03	9.1	9.8	9.7	5.5
	Sep '03	6.4	8.4	6.6	3.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District

13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors, the gender ratio of this area is heavily weighted in favour of males. This contrasts with the province as a whole, which has more females than males. The total fertility rate for this area is much higher than the provincial rate. This is likely one of the reasons for the higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. As a result, the median age of the population is younger than the provincial median.

14 Projection

This region is expected to receive net inflows of migrants throughout most of the projection, with the exception of outflows in the short-term due to forestry sector job losses. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) for this area is expected to be relatively high and positive over the duration of the projection period, and in combination with positive net migration should result in overall population growth for this area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

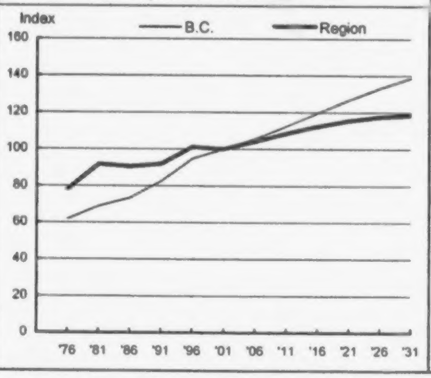
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	10.0	4.6	9.3	4.7	1.3	33.5	9.2	0.729	0.069	0.798	1976
1981	4.3	10.2	5.9	12.2	5.3	1.6	39.4	11.9	0.617	0.068	0.685	1981
1986	4.0	9.6	4.5	12.9	5.8	1.9	38.8	12.3	0.585	0.082	0.667	1986
1991	3.6	9.6	4.0	13.4	6.5	2.3	39.4	13.0	0.553	0.097	0.650	1991
1996	3.6	9.9	4.4	14.4	8.1	3.0	43.4	14.8	0.503	0.111	0.613	1996
2001	3.1	9.4	4.2	13.4	9.6	3.3	42.9	15.7	0.457	0.122	0.579	2001
2006	2.8	8.7	4.8	12.5	11.8	4.1	44.7	16.4	0.395	0.141	0.536	2006
2011	2.9	7.9	4.7	12.6	13.4	5.0	46.5	18.0	0.348	0.164	0.512	2011
2016	2.9	7.5	4.4	13.1	14.0	6.3	48.2	19.3	0.330	0.201	0.531	2016
2021	2.8	7.5	3.9	13.6	13.8	8.0	49.6	20.3	0.333	0.256	0.590	2021
2026	2.7	7.5	3.7	13.7	13.0	9.8	50.5	20.9	0.336	0.323	0.659	2026
2031	2.5	7.3	3.8	12.8	13.1	11.3	50.9	21.5	0.331	0.378	0.709	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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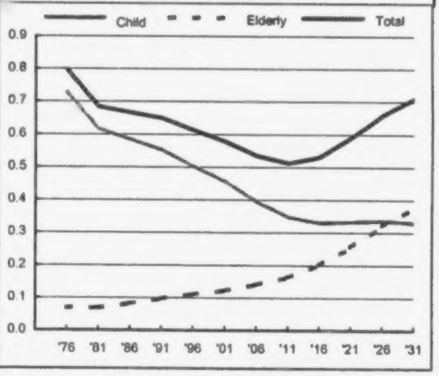

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Capital
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, View Royal

Lower interest rates and strong demand have fueled the housing market, creating many construction jobs. The port of Victoria may see increased use as a people moving port now that it has been handed over to local authorities from the federal government. Upgrades to the port are expected to take five years. Lay offs in the Public service sector have not had the effect of reducing indirect or induced activity markedly, as was the case in Ottawa and surrounding areas when the federal government made cuts in the mid 1990s.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Capital								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	13,331	10,775	1,006	473	122	12,376	100.0%		100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	344	193	19	7	0	219	1.8%		5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	35	13	2	0	0	15	0.1%		0.5%	726
22	Utilities	6	7	1	1	1	10	0.1%		0.1%	159
23	Construction	1,934	1,290	104	28	2	1,424	11.5%		10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	418	424	45	31	6	506	4.1%		5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	411	440	32	21	3	496	4.0%		6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	913	1,335	144	77	16	1,572	12.7%		11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	469	299	14	9	6	328	2.7%		4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	180	131	24	9	2	166	1.3%		1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	758	341	50	14	1	406	3.3%		3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,899	514	50	14	1	579	4.7%		4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	2,596	1,692	103	22	1	1,818	14.7%		11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	802	218	15	8	3	244	2.0%		2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	696	568	29	15	5	617	5.0%		4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	155	152	16	10	7	185	1.5%		1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	207	1,410	103	47	13	1,573	12.7%		8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	274	178	21	11	2	212	1.7%		1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	415	666	172	92	4	934	7.5%		7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	818	838	41	11	1	891	7.2%		7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	66	21	46	48	181	1.5%		0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Capital
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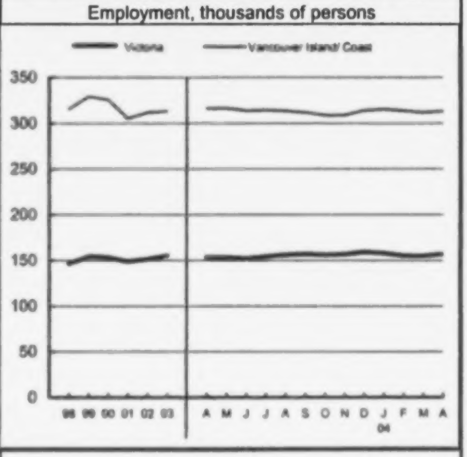
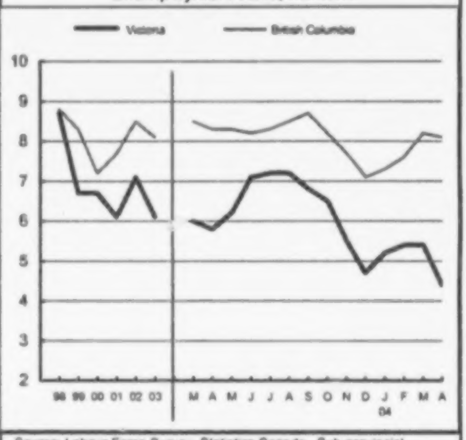
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Victoria Emp ('000)	Victoria Unemp %	Vancouver Island/ Coast Emp ('000)	Vancouver Island/ Coast Unemp %	British Columbia Emp ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1994		144.3	7.1	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
1995		143.1	8.4	309.9	9.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996		143.5	8.5	309.8	9.4	1,821.2	8.7
1997		149.8	7.5	322.7	8.6	1,869.0	8.4
1998		146.6	8.7	315.7	9.6	1,870.2	8.8
1999		154.2	6.7	329.1	8.0	1,906.4	8.3
2000		153.6	6.7	325.8	7.8	1,949.1	7.2
2001		148.9	6.1	305.3	9.1	1,942.4	7.7
2002		151.2	7.1	311.9	8.7	1,973.4	8.5
2003		155.2	6.1	313.1	8.7	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	150.1	6.5	305.1	9.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	151.5	6.4	308.7	9.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	152.8	6.0	313.0	9.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	153.2	5.8	316.3	8.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	153.4	6.2	316.5	8.4	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	152.0	7.1	313.6	8.6	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	154.2	7.2	314.4	8.5	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	156.2	7.2	313.5	8.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	156.9	6.8	311.7	8.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	156.1	6.5	308.6	8.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	156.7	5.5	309.0	8.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	159.2	4.7	314.1	8.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	157.9	5.2	315.3	9.1	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	155.0	5.4	313.6	9.5	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	154.9	5.4	312.0	9.9	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	157.1	4.4	313.2	9.6	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	152.8	6.0	313.4	8.8	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	156.2	5.1	312.7	9.5	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	2.2		-0.2		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



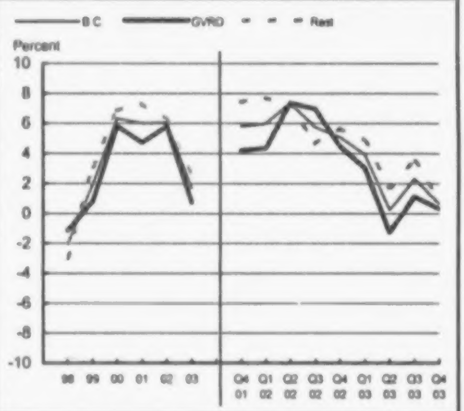
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

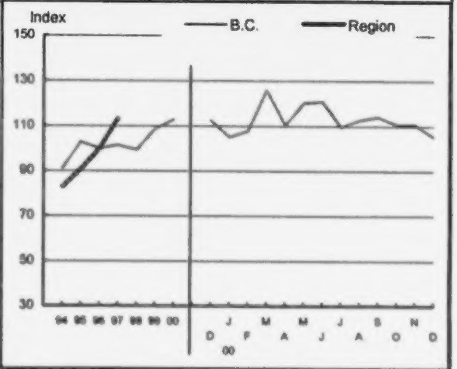
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



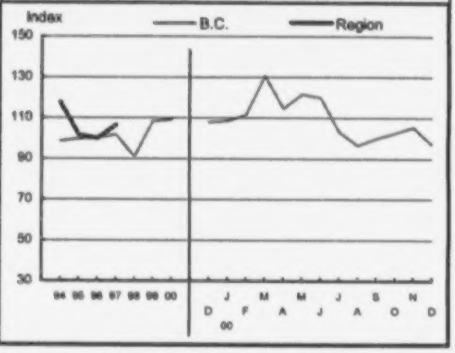
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	20	18	18	18	17
25	Wood	22	19	20	25	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1	1	1	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	22	22	24	32	29
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	211	202	223	252	246
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	106.4	94.0	102.3	129.6	151.7
25	Wood	**	45.4	39.2	38.6	41.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	53.7	55.0	65.4	68.7	70.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	495.0	479.7	525.2	578.5	654.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	618	548	629	673	636
25	Wood	**	401	376	249	326
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	591	610	671	610	697
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,631	4,350	4,666	4,636	5,571
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	20.0	19.2	21.0	20.8	21.5
25	Wood	**	11.4	10.9	7.1	9.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	19.7	20.3	22.3	20.7	25.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	159.8	151.9	152.0	162.5	202.5

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

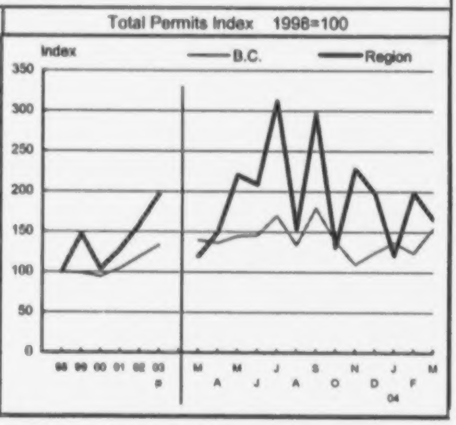


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	287.1	108.6	5.5	287.1	14.4	178.5	1,263
1997	287.7	116.3	6.8	287.7	31.3	171.3	1,230
1998	279.9	117.5	15.9	279.9	25.4	162.4	1,138
1999	411.5	224.2	5.9	411.5	116.8	187.3	1,419
2000	290.9	124.1	14.8	290.9	32.5	166.9	1,002
2001	359.4	165.6	21.8	359.4	56.9	193.8	1,183
2002	447.6	176.9	9.2	447.6	63.4	270.7	1,805
2003 p	552.4	226.6	20.9	552.4	62.2	325.9	2,227
YTD Mar '03	110.0	49.3	1.0	110.0	20.5	60.7	407
YTD Mar '04	113.2	23.1	3.4	113.2	5.7	90.0	504

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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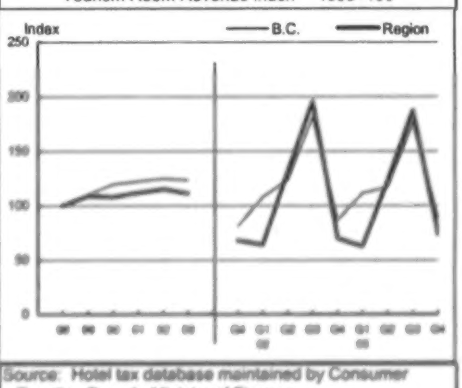
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Capital Regional District	1999	150,894.3	21,624.8	41,072.6	66,841.0	21,356.0
	2000	149,813.3	17,867.8	41,127.9	66,899.6	23,918.0
	2001	154,934.3	21,320.1	43,060.3	66,968.1	23,585.7
	2002	159,442.0	22,184.5	45,448.9	67,578.4	24,230.3
	2003	154,078.9	21,551.3	42,480.3	64,750.0	25,297.3
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	154,078.9	100.0%
Hotels	125,242.0	81.3%
76-150 Rooms	32,194.1	20.9%
76+ Rooms	95,071.5	61.7%
1-75 Rooms	30,170.5	19.6%
Motels	13,954.6	9.1%
Vacation Rentals	5,236.4	3.4%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

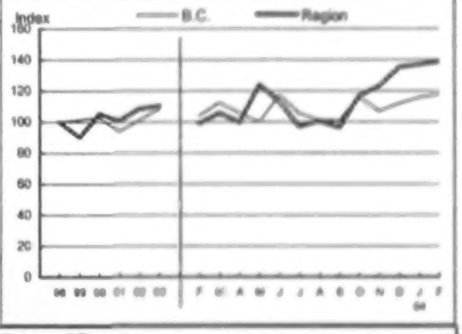


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	1,379
1997	1,398
1998	1,384
1999	1,247
2000	1,458
2001	1,394
2002	1,503
2003	1,527
Jan-Feb 03	245
Jan-Feb 04	318

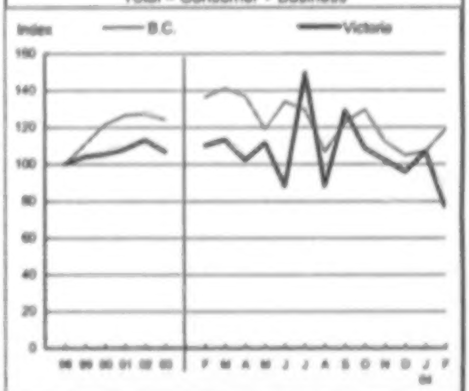
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



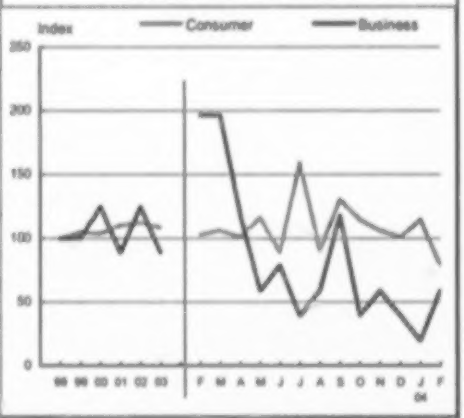
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Victoria		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	733	61	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	728	76	983	148	9,184	980
2001	772	54	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	786	76	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	760	54	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	109	13	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	113	4	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Victoria Indices 1998=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Capital Regional District	Sep '01	4.8	7.0	6.8	4.1	2.2
	Dec '01	4.6	6.6	6.5	4.0	2.0
	Mar '02	4.5	6.6	6.2	4.0	2.0
	Jun '02	3.8	5.5	4.5	3.4	1.7
	Sep '02	3.3	4.8	3.8	3.0	1.5
	Dec '02	3.0	4.4	3.2	2.8	1.4
	Mar '03	2.8	4.2	2.9	2.6	1.3
	Jun '03	2.6	3.9	2.5	2.4	1.2
	Sep '03	2.0	3.2	2.1	1.8	1.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

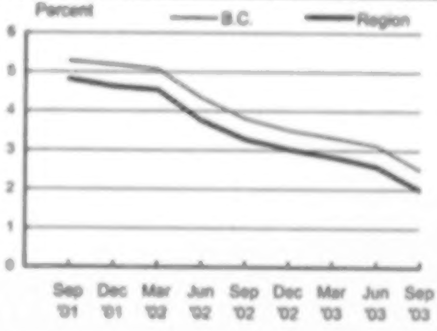
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.1	2.0	2.4	0.8	Sep '01
3.0	3.1	3.3	1.1	Dec '01
3.0	3.1	3.4	1.2	Mar '02
2.4	2.3	2.8	0.8	Jun '02
2.3	2.2	2.7	0.8	Sep '02
2.9	2.9	3.3	1.2	Dec '02
2.9	3.1	3.4	1.2	Mar '03
2.5	2.4	2.9	1.2	Jun '03
2.5	2.3	2.9	1.1	Sep '03

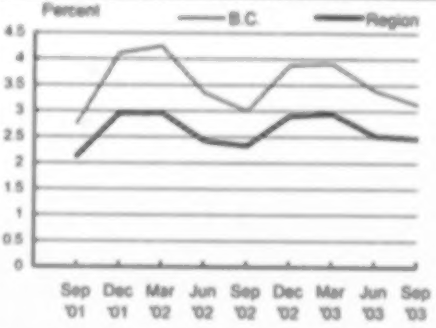
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	5,510	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.1	46.1
1-2 Years	14.1	14.9
>2 Years	38.8	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relativo, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

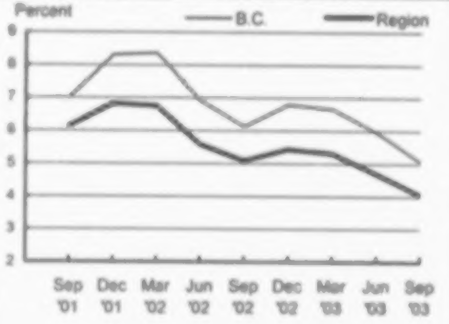
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Capital Regional District	Sep '01	6.1	8.6	6.5	2.8
	Dec '01	6.8	9.3	7.2	3.1
	Mar '02	6.8	9.0	7.3	3.0
	Jun '02	5.6	6.8	6.1	2.5
	Sep '02	5.1	5.7	5.6	2.4
	Dec '02	5.4	6.0	6.0	2.7
	Mar '03	5.3	6.0	5.9	2.5
	Jun '03	4.7	4.8	5.3	2.4
	Sep '03	4.0	4.4	4.6	1.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The urban nature of much of the region means that the population density is much greater than other regions. The median age is higher than the provincial median, likely due in part to the areas attractiveness for retirees. The elderly dependancy ratio (those over 65 years of age relative to those 18 to 64) is much higher than the provincial ratio. The larger percentage of elderly people affects other demographic variables as well. For example, the gender ratio is weighted much more in favour of females than is the case for British Columbia as a whole, since females tend to live longer than males.

14 Projection

The retirement communities in Greater Victoria and the Gulf Islands should continue to grow as the provincial population ages and more people chose to retire in these areas. As Greater Victoria reaches saturation, growth will likely move into Saanich and Sooke. The Gulf Islands' "Island Trust" exists to ensure that the Islands maintain their island character and this control over development will likely keep growth on the Islands to a minimum. Deaths will likely continue to climb, decreasing natural increase and dropping the population growth rate to near zero by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

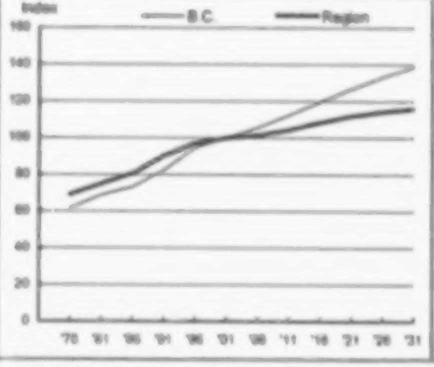
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	13.0	46.7	31.3	56.7	52.7	35.9	236.2	87.7	0.424	0.256	0.680	1976
1981	13.9	41.4	33.1	70.2	54.4	42.8	255.9	103.6	0.351	0.272	0.622	1981
1986	15.8	40.6	30.6	83.6	55.2	49.3	275.0	117.5	0.333	0.291	0.624	1986
1991	17.3	44.6	29.6	98.9	60.2	57.1	307.6	127.9	0.328	0.303	0.631	1991
1996	17.3	48.3	30.2	104.4	72.7	58.9	331.8	141.4	0.316	0.284	0.600	1996
2001	14.7	48.0	32.9	98.6	87.6	59.8	341.6	150.3	0.286	0.273	0.559	2001
2006	13.5	44.7	29.7	96.4	100.4	61.5	346.2	156.2	0.257	0.272	0.529	2006
2011	13.5	42.1	30.1	93.3	110.7	67.0	356.6	165.5	0.238	0.286	0.524	2011
2016	13.6	41.0	31.6	91.5	113.4	79.6	370.6	176.4	0.231	0.337	0.568	2016
2021	13.4	40.7	29.8	91.9	113.2	93.3	382.3	185.9	0.231	0.397	0.628	2021
2026	13.2	40.5	28.9	90.3	111.9	105.9	390.7	192.9	0.232	0.458	0.690	2026
2031	12.9	40.2	29.6	89.2	108.1	116.6	396.5	198.1	0.234	0.514	0.748	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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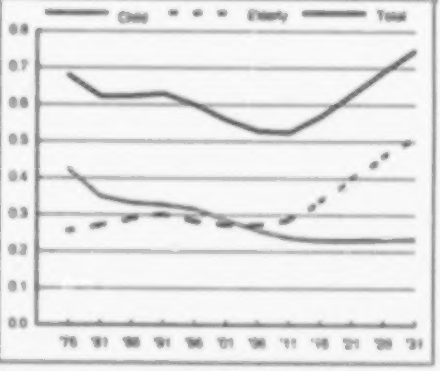

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Cariboo
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1 **General Economy**

Municipalities in Regional District: Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Wells

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, but tourism, cattle ranching and mining also play important roles in the economy. The only remaining major mine in the area shut down in late 2001 after two others had closed in the last few years. The Quesnel River gold mine opened in 1995, but was shut down in March 1998 due to low metal prices. The Gibraltar mine near Williams Lake closed in February 1999 due to low ore grades and low prices. The Mount Polley mine near Likely, which began production in 1997 was expected to have about a 14-year life, but low prices stopped operations in 2001. The Prosperity Gold/Copper Mine has the potential to be one of the largest mines in the province once it goes ahead. The licenses for beetle-killed timber in the Williams Lake Timber Supply Area have resulted in some employment but this will likely be temporary.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 **Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,618	2,554	155	64	16	2,789	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	619	496	27	13	0	536	19.2%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	8	0	0	0	8	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	5	5	0	0	0	5	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	384	289	15	3	0	307	11.0%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	87	84	8	11	9	112	4.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	90	80	10	0	0	90	3.2%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	180	305	18	12	2	337	12.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	209	240	5	1	0	246	8.8%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	15	21	1	2	0	24	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	59	42	7	3	0	52	1.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	238	80	5	0	0	85	3.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	181	159	5	0	0	164	5.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	91	35	2	0	0	37	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	79	99	3	1	0	103	3.7%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	13	13	1	0	2	16	0.6%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	26	132	16	7	2	157	5.6%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	34	41	1	1	0	43	1.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	117	202	25	6	0	233	8.4%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	181	202	3	0	0	205	7.4%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	21	3	4	1	29	1.0%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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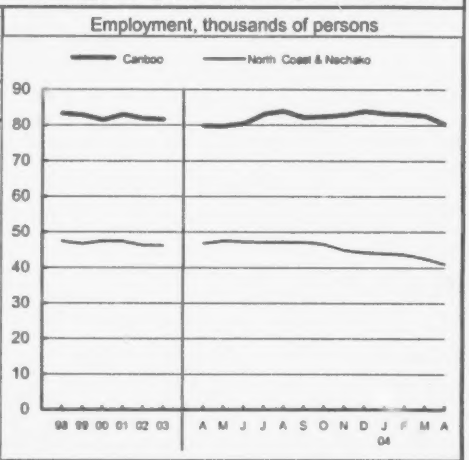
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	83.0	9.7	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	81.9	12.6	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	81.6	11.2	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	78.4	13.1	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	79.2	13.0	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	79.9	12.8	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	79.8	12.5	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
	May	79.7	12.6	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	80.4	13.0	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	83.1	12.1	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	83.9	10.8	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	82.1	10.4	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	82.4	9.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	82.9	9.5	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	84.0	8.8	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	83.3	9.8	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	83.1	10.7	43.7	13.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	82.6	12.1	42.6	13.0	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	80.3	13.1	41.0	13.9	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	79.1	12.9	46.3	11.2	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	81.1	12.8	41.9	13.9	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	2.5		-9.7		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



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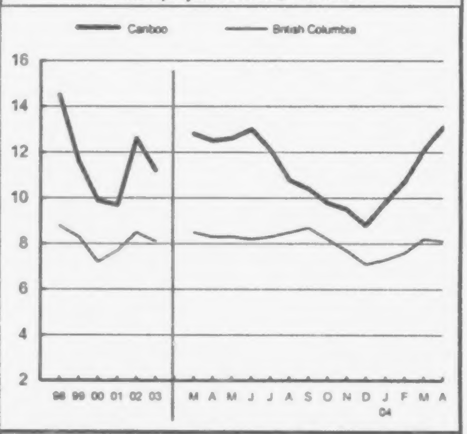


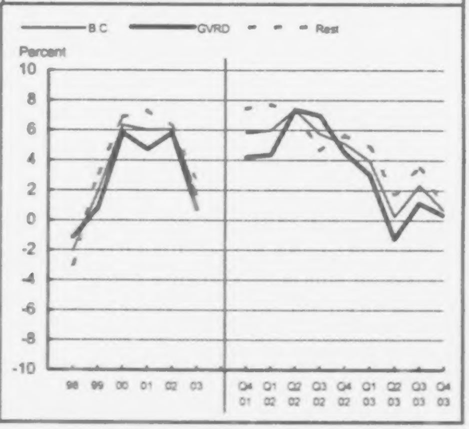
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

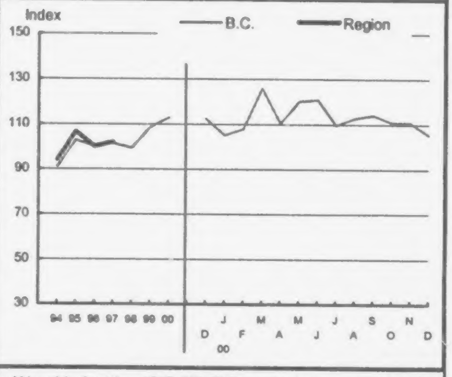
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



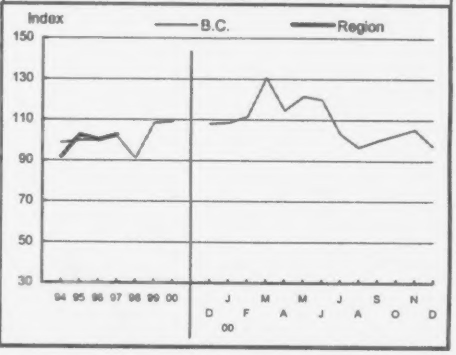
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	1	1
25	Wood	27	26	31	38	37
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	20	19	23	29	27
30	Metal Fabricating	4	3	3	5	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	54	51	60	74	70
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	891.8	1,033.0	1,152.7	1,125.0	1,153.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	876.3	912.6	893.6	954.2
30	Metal Fabricating	3.4	**	**	**	6.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,153.6	1,365.7	1,547.8	1,452.3	1,481.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	3,708	3,520	3,730	3,835	3,706
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	2,770	2,758	2,876	2,768
30	Metal Fabricating	36	**	**	**	51
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,737	4,534	4,792	4,906	4,974
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	169.2	171.9	198.4	205.8	200.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	138.2	146.5	151.5	148.1
30	Metal Fabricating	1.3	**	**	**	2.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	216.0	219.5	252.6	259.4	263.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

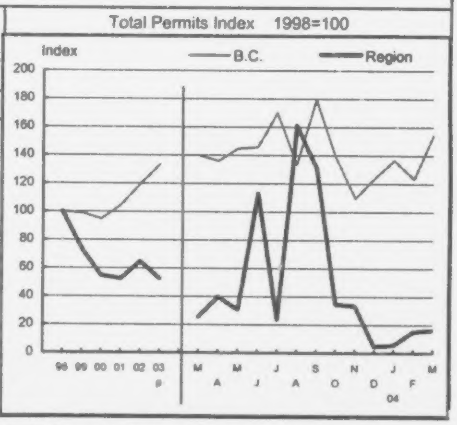


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	87.3	20.4	10.0	8.5	1.9	66.9	651
1997	79.9	29.9	2.0	8.3	20.3	50.0	477
1998	63.3	30.4	6.9	8.0	10.2	32.8	270
1999	46.5	17.5	4.2	7.0	2.8	28.9	225
2000	34.7	14.0	1.6	2.9	2.8	20.8	114
2001	33.2	16.4	3.0	11.0	3.0	16.8	88
2002	41.1	15.5	3.6	6.7	3.9	25.6	131
2003 p	33.3	20.8	4.2	12.0	9.3	12.5	69
YTD Mar '03	3.1	1.4	0.1	1.3	0.2	1.7	9
YTD Mar '04	2.0	1.1	0.4	1.3	0.1	0.9	2

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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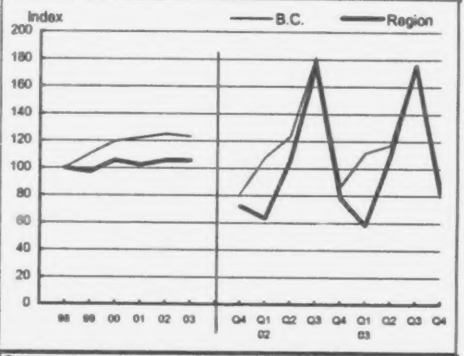
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Regional District	1999	15,495.9	2,244.2	4,055.6	6,454.3	2,741.8
	2000	16,850.2	2,228.1	4,298.4	7,332.0	2,991.8
	2001	16,300.0	2,200.2	4,266.9	6,955.0	2,877.8
	2002	16,834.0	2,526.6	4,220.6	6,976.6	3,110.1
	2003	16,854.1	2,318.2	4,357.7	6,987.9	3,190.3
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,854.1	100.0%
Fishing lodges	822.6	4.9%
Hotels	4,631.7	27.5%
Motels	8,599.8	51.0%
Vacation Rentals	1,311.3	7.8%
Miscellaneous	1,488.7	8.8%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

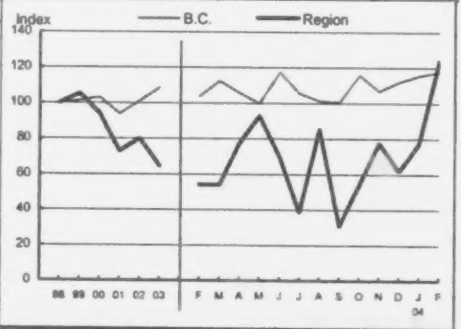


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	174
1997	163
1998	155
1999	163
2000	146
2001	113
2002	124
2003	100
Jan-Feb 03	17
Jan-Feb 04	26

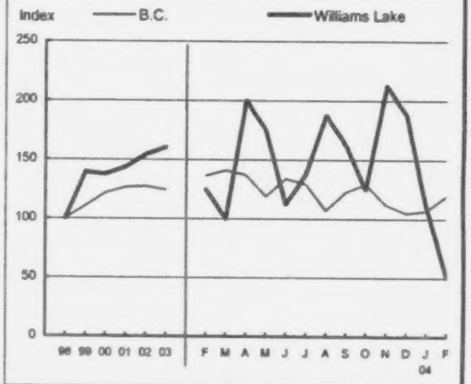
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



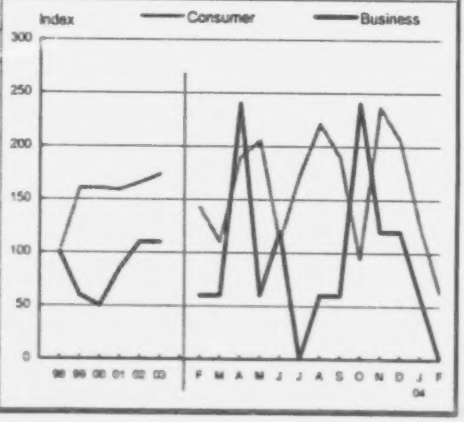
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Williams Lake		Quesnel		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	122	12	69	8	8,181	1,077
2000	122	10	81	7	9,184	980
2001	121	17	85	7	9,476	1,101
2002	126	22	93	3	9,531	1,107
2003	132	22	87	14	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	22	4	10	2	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	12	1	12	0	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Williams Lake Indices 1998=100



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Cariboo
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Regional District	Sep '01	7.5	9.9	9.8	6.2	3.9
	Dec '01	7.1	9.3	9.4	6.1	3.5
	Mar '02	7.1	9.4	9.1	6.2	3.4
	Jun '02	5.9	7.9	7.3	5.1	2.9
	Sep '02	5.1	6.8	6.4	4.2	2.5
	Dec '02	4.6	6.2	5.2	4.0	2.3
	Mar '03	4.3	5.8	5.0	3.8	2.1
	Jun '03	4.0	5.5	4.7	3.5	2.0
	Sep '03	3.2	4.8	4.1	2.7	1.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

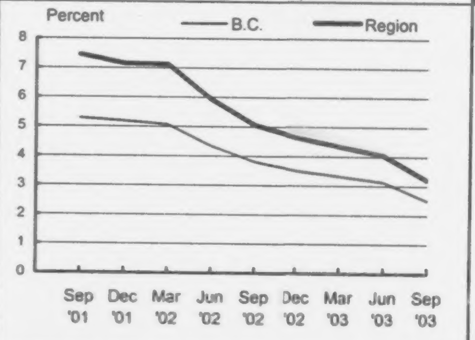
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.5	3.2	3.9	2.0	Sep '01
5.3	5.3	5.8	3.1	Dec '01
6.0	6.0	6.6	3.4	Mar '02
5.2	5.2	5.7	3.0	Jun '02
3.7	4.3	4.1	2.0	Sep '02
4.9	5.4	5.3	2.8	Dec '02
5.7	5.7	6.3	3.1	Mar '03
5.9	5.6	6.6	3.4	Jun '03
4.2	4.6	4.6	2.4	Sep '03

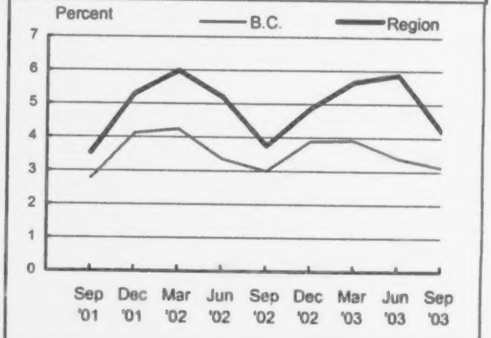
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,824	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	55.3	46.1
1-2 Years	12.9	14.9
>2 Years	31.8	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receivingbasic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

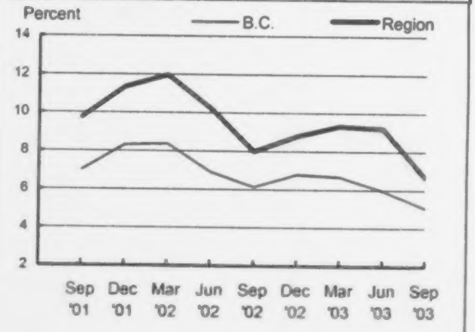
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Cariboo Regional District	Sep '01	9.7	12.6	10.0	6.2
	Dec '01	11.3	14.4	11.7	7.1
	Mar '02	12.0	14.9	12.6	7.1
	Jun '02	10.2	12.4	10.7	6.4
	Sep '02	8.0	10.5	8.2	5.0
	Dec '02	8.8	10.5	9.2	5.8
	Mar '03	9.3	10.6	10.1	5.6
	Jun '03	9.2	10.1	10.0	5.6
	Sep '03	6.7	8.5	7.2	3.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Cariboo

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13 Demographics

Net migration has fluctuated drastically over the last two decades. The dependence on male-dominated resource sector industries is the reason for a gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, where there are more females than males. The elderly dependency ratio is lower than the provincial average while the child dependency ratio is slightly higher, therefore, the median age of the population of this area is slightly younger than the provincial median.

14 Projection

This area could experience rapid growth if the new mines come on line, although there will likely be outflows due to the slow resource sector. The cancellation of the temporary licenses for beetle-killed timber, when it occurs, could result in net outflows for a few years. However, it is likely that there will be positive net migration overall. The growing number of deaths will likely exceed births by 2020, lowering the population growth rate to negative values by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

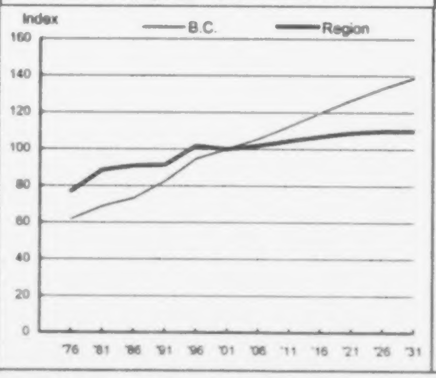
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	5.1	15.0	7.0	15.6	8.1	2.0	52.9	15.2	0.654	0.065	0.719	1976
1981	5.9	14.8	8.4	19.4	9.5	2.7	60.8	18.9	0.555	0.073	0.628	1981
1986	5.4	14.6	6.9	21.0	11.0	3.6	62.5	21.0	0.515	0.092	0.607	1986
1991	4.8	14.1	5.6	20.9	12.6	4.8	62.9	21.9	0.484	0.122	0.607	1991
1996	4.7	14.9	6.5	22.3	15.7	5.9	70.0	25.4	0.443	0.132	0.575	1996
2001	3.9	13.3	6.1	19.9	18.4	7.1	68.7	26.8	0.388	0.160	0.548	2001
2006	3.4	11.6	7.3	18.0	21.1	8.6	70.1	29.3	0.323	0.186	0.509	2006
2011	3.5	10.3	6.8	18.2	22.6	10.5	71.9	31.7	0.290	0.221	0.511	2011
2016	3.6	9.6	6.0	19.1	22.1	13.1	73.5	33.4	0.280	0.278	0.558	2016
2021	3.5	9.8	5.2	19.8	20.8	15.8	74.9	34.6	0.290	0.344	0.634	2021
2026	3.3	9.9	4.9	19.8	19.6	18.1	75.6	35.1	0.296	0.407	0.704	2026
2031	3.1	9.6	5.2	18.2	19.9	19.5	75.6	35.5	0.292	0.450	0.742	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

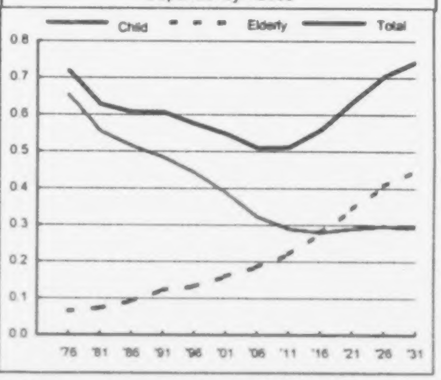
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Central Coast
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Local Health Area: Port Hardy, Port McNeil, Port Alice, Alert Bay, Zeballos

Forestry, tourism and fishing dominate the economy of this sparsely populated region. Harvesting is the main activity in the forest sector as there are no large processing facilities in the area. The AAC for the Mid Coast Timber Supply Area was reduced again recently.

The provincial government has established a park by protecting nearly half a million hectares of coastal rainforest. The fishery has also suffered from declining stocks. A large percentage of the population is made up of First nations peoples and they have been working towards an aboriginal-only commercial fishery.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	86	77	17	4	0	98	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	31	15	7	0	0	22	22.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	14	3	1	0	0	4	4.1%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	4	2	1	0	0	3	3.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	1	2	0	0	0	2	2.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	3	9	2	1	0	12	12.2%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	5	5	0	0	0	5	5.1%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	-	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4	0	1	0	0	1	1.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	3	3	1	0	0	4	4.1%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1	2	0	0	0	2	2.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	1	3	0	0	0	3	3.1%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	1	3	0	2	0	5	5.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	-	4	2	0	0	6	6.1%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2	3	0	0	0	3	3.1%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	7	6	2	0	0	8	8.2%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	7	9	0	0	0	9	9.2%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	5	0	1	0	6	6.1%	0.6%	878

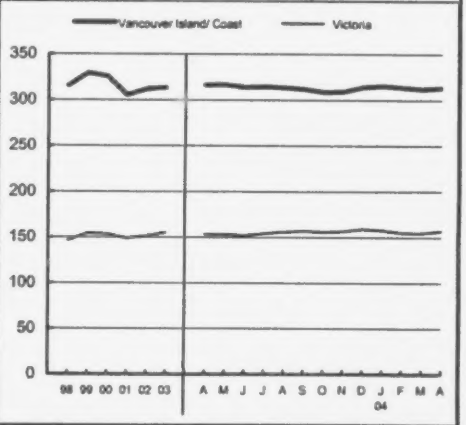
Source Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

Central Coast
Regional District

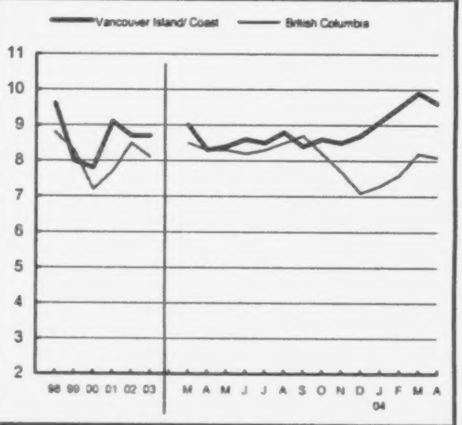
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	313.6	9.5	155.0	5.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	312.0	9.9	154.9	5.4	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	313.2	9.6	157.1	4.4	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	313.4	8.8	152.8	6.0	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	312.7	9.5	156.2	5.1	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-0.2		2.2		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



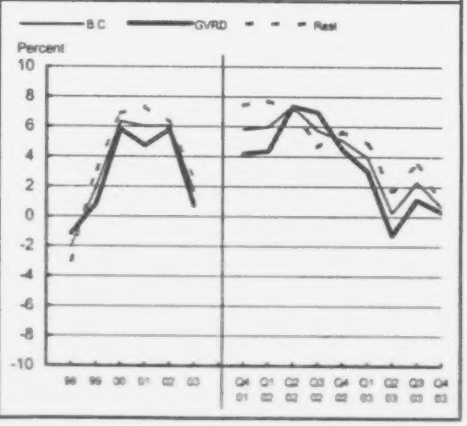
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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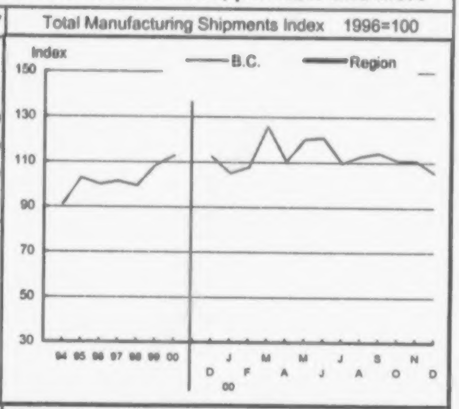
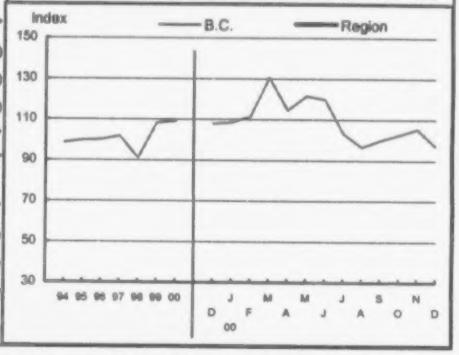
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	6	0	1	1
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2	6	0	1	1
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0.0	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0	**	**
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0.0	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

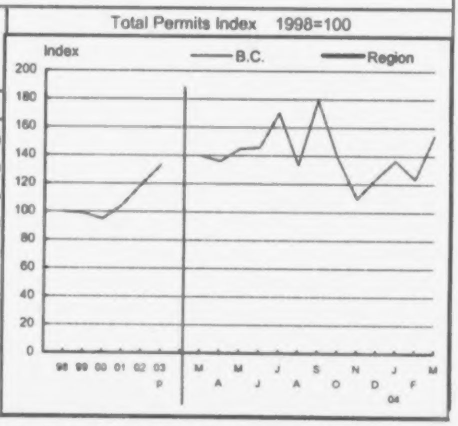


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2003 p	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Mar '03	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Mar '04	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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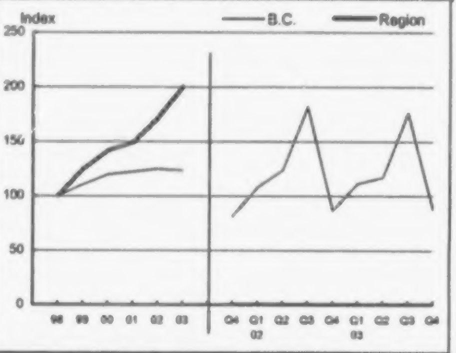
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Coast Regional District	1999	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2000	0.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2001	988.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2002	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2003	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,922.8	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

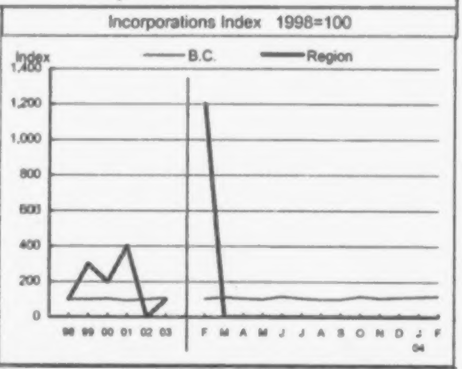


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	4
1997	3
1998	1
1999	3
2000	2
2001	4
2002	0
2003	1
Jan-Feb 03	1
Jan-Feb 04	0

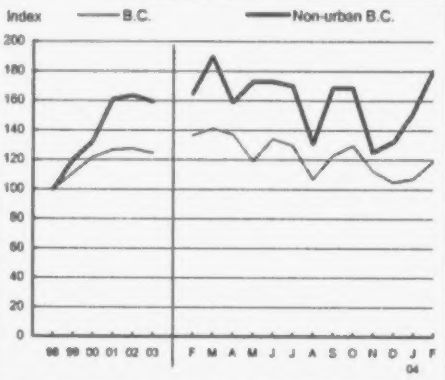
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



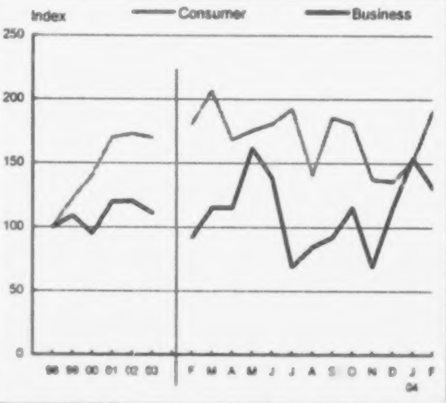
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Central Coast Regional District	Sep '01	6.7	7.9	11.9	5.5	2.8
	Dec '01	6.2	7.3	-	5.5	2.0
	Mar '02	6.3	8.1	-	5.3	2.0
	Jun '02	5.4	6.9	-	4.4	2.0
	Sep '02	4.0	4.6	-	3.4	1.2
	Dec '02	3.5	4.4	-	2.6	1.0
	Mar '03	3.2	3.5	-	3.0	-
	Jun '03	2.7	4.1	-	2.3	-
	Sep '03	1.8	2.8	-	1.3	-

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

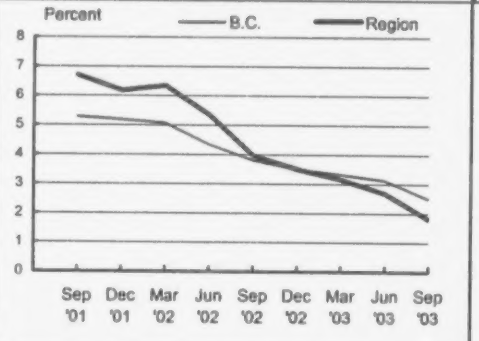
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
5.0	-	5.6	-	Sep '01
10.5	5.6	11.7	8.5	Dec '01
11.7	5.6	13.5	8.1	Mar '02
6.7	-	8.4	-	Jun '02
5.4	4.0	6.2	2.8	Sep '02
10.0	8.9	10.4	9.0	Dec '02
10.9	10.1	11.7	7.4	Mar '03
7.7	-	9.1	-	Jun '03
7.9	9.0	8.9	2.3	Sep '03

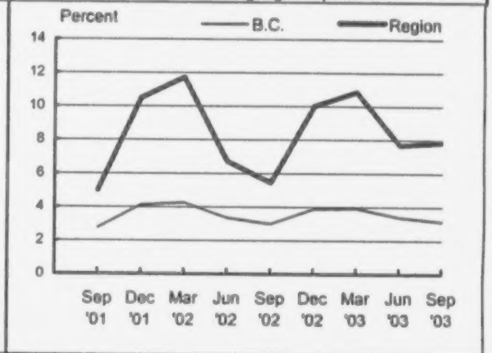
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	28	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	44.4	46.1
1-2 Years	18.5	14.9
>2 Years	37.0	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

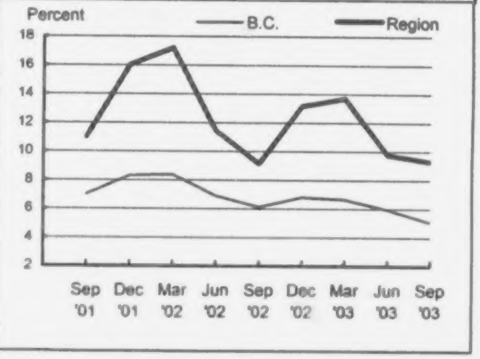
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Central Coast Regional District	Sep '01	11.0	-	10.9	-
	Dec '01	16.0	-	16.9	-
	Mar '02	17.2	-	18.7	-
	Jun '02	11.4	-	12.7	-
	Sep '02	9.1	-	9.6	-
	Dec '02	13.2	-	13.0	-
	Mar '03	13.7	-	14.5	-
	Jun '03	9.8	-	11.3	-
	Sep '03	9.3	-	10.2	-

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The population in this area is largely Native. The Native population tends to be younger, on average, than non-Natives, and as a result, the median age of the population in this area is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children in the population, with the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is substantially lower than the provincial ratio. There are more men than women in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, where the reverse is the case. The median age of death is substantially younger than for the province as a whole, and this is partly due to this gender bias in favour of men, who tend to have lower life expectancies than women, and partly due to the concentration of Natives, who tend to have lower life expectancies than non-Natives.

14 Projection

This area has had small population growth with net migration oscillating above and below zero but remaining positive overall. Natural increase should remain positive until 2025 after which deaths will out number births. The population is expected to increase moderately by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

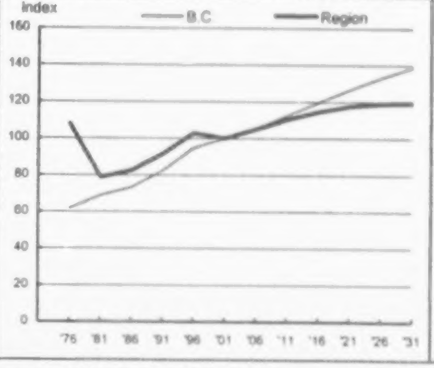
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.5	1.3	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.2	4.3	1.2	0.729	0.067	0.796	1976
1981	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.1	3.1	0.9	0.601	0.078	0.679	1981
1986	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.2	3.3	1.0	0.526	0.085	0.613	1986
1991	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	0.6	0.2	3.6	1.1	0.539	0.093	0.632	1991
1996	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.2	4.1	1.3	0.492	0.097	0.588	1996
2001	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.3	0.9	0.3	4.0	1.5	0.426	0.120	0.546	2001
2006	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.2	1.1	0.4	4.2	1.5	0.392	0.139	0.530	2006
2011	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.2	0.5	4.4	1.7	0.354	0.183	0.537	2011
2016	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.1	1.3	0.7	4.6	1.8	0.336	0.228	0.565	2016
2021	0.2	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.3	0.9	4.7	1.8	0.333	0.300	0.633	2021
2026	0.2	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.2	1.0	4.7	1.9	0.324	0.361	0.685	2026
2031	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	4.7	1.9	0.312	0.423	0.735	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

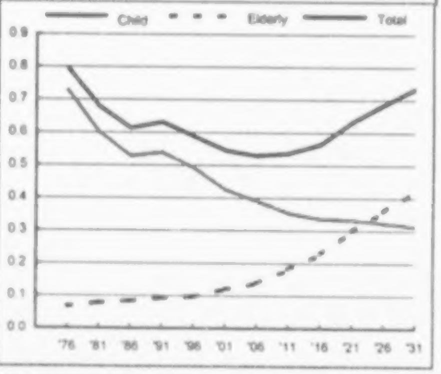
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton, Slocan

Forestry is one of the main economic drivers for this region, particularly in the Castlegar and Arrow Lakes areas. There are several hydroelectric construction projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost the employment base for this region, at least for the short term. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and construction on the second unit began in 2002; as well, a $600 million expansion has been proposed. The Keenleyside dam construction is also underway. The province is investing $204 million to develop a 120-megawatt Brilliant power plant expansion near Castlegar that will provide 150 jobs and increase B.C.'s supply of renewable energy.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,081	2,229	110	57	13	2,409	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	218	263	11	5	0	279	11.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	13	12	1	0	0	13	0.5%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	4	7	0	0	0	7	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	360	218	11	0	2	231	9.6%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	97	106	6	5	3	120	5.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	69	69	4	0	0	73	3.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	177	330	17	11	0	358	14.9%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	98	130	2	1	0	133	5.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	27	32	2	1	0	35	1.5%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	65	39	3	1	0	43	1.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	228	86	4	2	0	92	3.8%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	242	170	1	3	0	174	7.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	84	23	0	1	0	24	1.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	77	86	0	0	0	86	3.6%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	17	24	2	3	3	32	1.3%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	13	161	14	14	5	194	8.1%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	38	71	4	1	0	76	3.2%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	103	192	23	4	0	219	9.1%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	150	172	4	1	0	177	7.3%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	38	1	4	0	43	1.8%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

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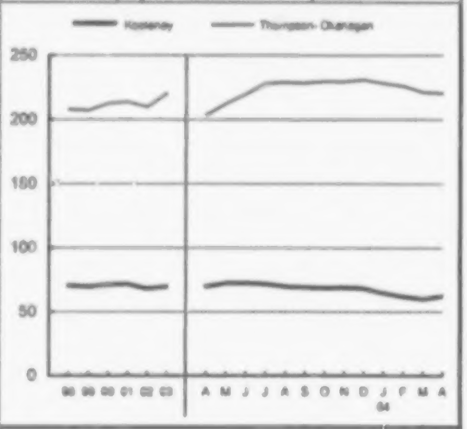
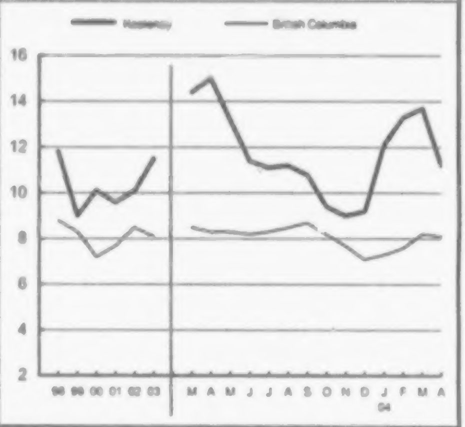
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1994		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
1995		69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996		65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
1997		65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
1999		69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2001		71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
2002		68.3	10.1	210.0	9.3	1,973.4	8.5
2003		69.5	11.5	220.3	8.7	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	67.2	11.9	204.3	9.4	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	67.2	13.5	200.2	9.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	68.2	14.4	201.7	9.7	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	69.8	15.0	203.7	9.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	72.3	13.2	212.4	10.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	72.4	11.4	219.8	9.5	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	71.9	11.1	228.1	8.8	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	69.9	11.2	229.0	8.3	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	69.2	10.8	228.7	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	68.6	9.4	229.7	7.9	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	69.0	9.0	229.6	7.8	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	68.4	9.2	231.0	7.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	64.7	12.1	228.1	7.6	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	62.0	13.3	225.8	7.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	59.8	13.7	221.0	8.0	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	62.1	11.2	220.5	7.8	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	69.2	14.0	202.1	10.1	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	61.0	12.7	221.0	7.9	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-11.9		9.3		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



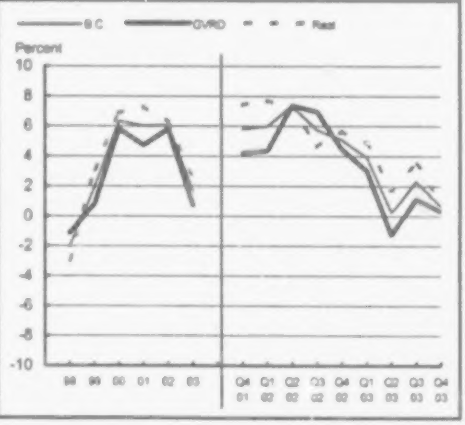
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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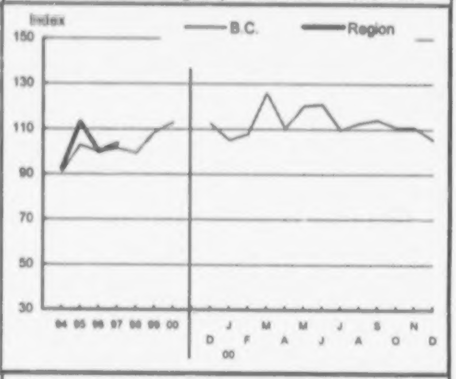
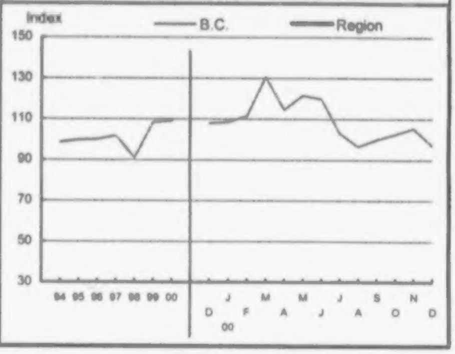
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	1	1	0
25	Wood	13	12	13	16	16
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	9	8	9	8	8
30	Metal Fabricating	2	2	4	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	29	28	33	37	34
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	224.9	**	**	**	283.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	218.9	233.7	259.6	252.4	275.6
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	376.6	466.3	571.3	505.5	522.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,052	**	**	**	1,126
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,002	852	1,002	924	1,046
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,740	1,577	1,743	1,635	1,846
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	42.4	**	**	**	48.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	40.6	35.6	45.5	40.8	46.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	78.1	71.5	84.4	78.1	87.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

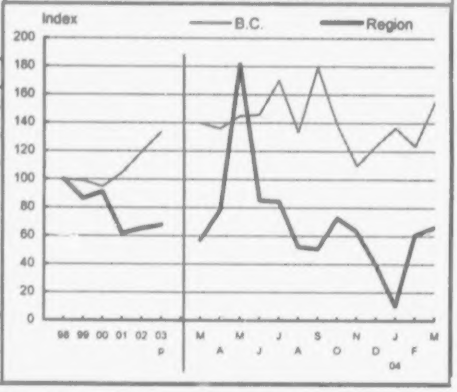


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	62.8	19.7	0.7	204.8	3.1	43.1	435
1997	62.0	12.0	1.1	216.7	1.5	50.0	445
1998	58.5	18.1	4.0	139.6	5.4	40.4	356
1999	50.5	14.3	1.7	124.4	4.4	36.1	331
2000	53.4	24.0	3.9	101.8	12.0	29.4	228
2001	36.1	10.9	1.6	115.2	5.1	25.2	203
2002	38.2	11.5	2.7	88.5	0.7	26.7	161
2003 p	39.6	12.6	0.6	121.4	6.4	27.0	144
YTD Mar '03	5.1	1.3	0.0	16.8	0.3	3.8	18
YTD Mar '04	6.7	1.0	0.0	12.7	0.4	5.7	35

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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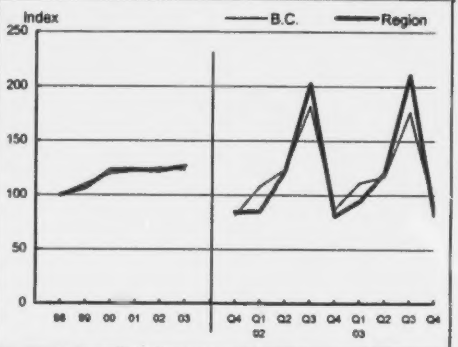
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Kootenay Regional District	1999	14,351.6	2,279.4	3,670.4	5,962.7	2,439.1
	2000	16,568.6	2,626.5	3,984.1	6,843.5	3,114.6
	2001	16,606.4	2,802.3	3,881.0	7,083.0	2,840.1
	2002	16,495.3	2,847.5	4,114.6	6,814.5	2,718.8
	2003	17,063.0	3,180.4	4,058.7	7,069.7	2,754.1
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	17,063.0	100.0%
Hotels	9,187.7	53.8%
Motels	4,768.6	27.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

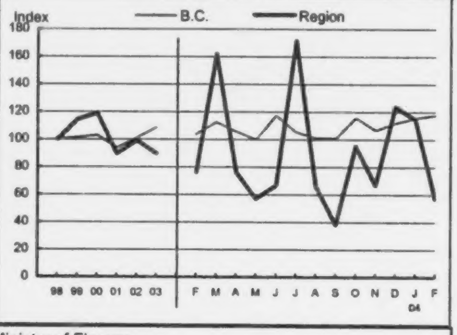


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	161
1997	148
1998	126
1999	144
2000	150
2001	113
2002	125
2003	113
Jan-Feb 03	16
Jan-Feb 04	18

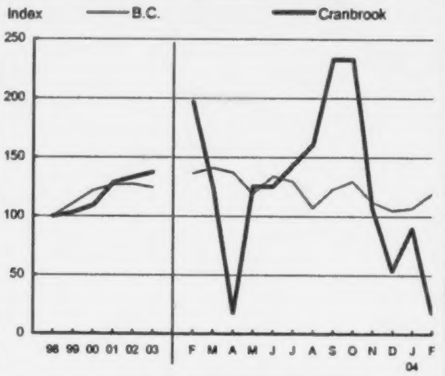
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



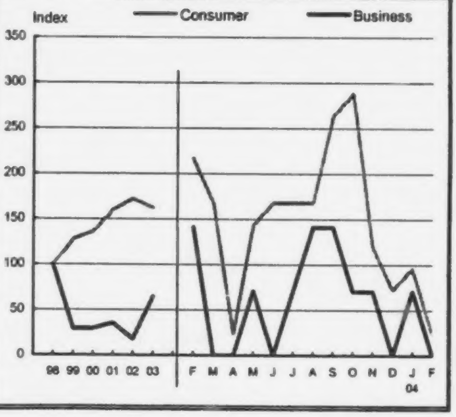
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	64	5	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	15	3	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	5	1	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1998=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Sep '01	7.3	10.5	8.0	6.4	3.5
	Dec '01	6.9	9.6	7.5	6.2	3.2
	Mar '02	6.9	9.8	7.3	6.2	3.1
	Jun '02	5.6	7.9	5.1	5.3	2.6
	Sep '02	4.7	6.7	3.8	4.5	2.3
	Dec '02	4.3	5.8	3.3	4.1	2.0
	Mar '03	4.2	5.8	3.4	4.0	1.9
	Jun '03	3.9	5.5	2.9	3.7	1.8
	Sep '03	3.1	4.9	2.5	2.9	1.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

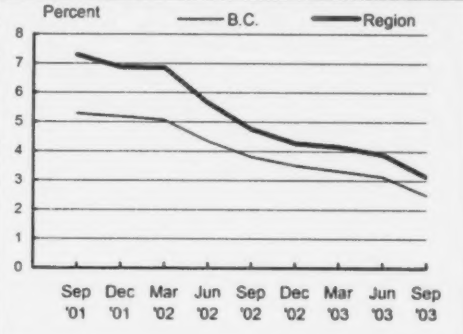
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.0	2.6	3.5	1.3	Sep '01
5.5	5.8	6.4	2.4	Dec '01
6.2	6.1	7.1	3.0	Mar '02
4.0	3.5	4.6	2.1	Jun '02
3.5	2.9	4.2	1.6	Sep '02
5.4	4.5	6.5	2.5	Dec '02
5.8	4.3	7.1	3.0	Mar '03
4.0	3.3	4.7	2.0	Jun '03
3.8	2.6	4.7	2.0	Sep '03

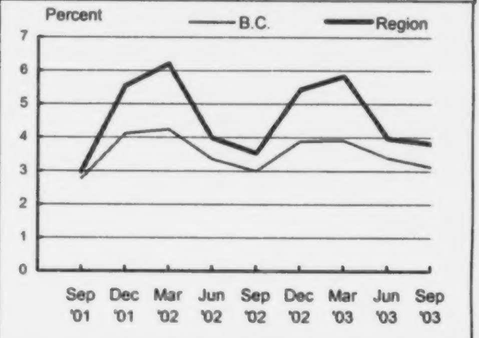
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,551	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.4	46.1
1-2 Years	15.1	14.9
>2 Years	36.5	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

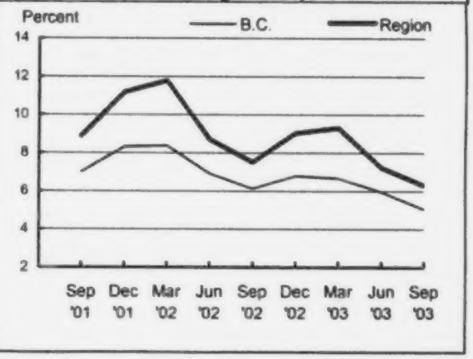
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Sep '01	8.9	10.3	9.8	4.4
	Dec '01	11.2	13.0	12.4	5.4
	Mar '02	11.8	13.1	13.2	5.8
	Jun '02	8.7	8.5	9.9	4.9
	Sep '02	7.5	6.6	8.7	4.0
	Dec '02	9.0	7.6	10.5	4.9
	Mar '03	9.3	7.6	11.0	5.2
	Jun '03	7.2	6.2	8.4	4.1
	Sep '03	6.3	5.1	7.6	3.0

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many resource dependent regions in the province, this area had more people moving out than moving in during the mid-eighties and again over the last several years. However, net migration to this region through the mid-nineties was fairly high. The median age of the population in this region is higher than the provincial median age. This is reflected in the proportion of elderly in the population, which is higher than the corresponding provincial figure. The number of males and females is almost equal and the total fertility rate is higher than the provincial average.

14 Projection

Job losses in the resource sector will likely lead to some out-migration in the short-term. Construction activity associated with further dam upgrading and expansion will provide some employment. Over the long-term, net migration should become positive as the resource sector recuperates and the economy diversifies, more than offsetting losses due to more deaths than births. This will result in a trend towards population growth for this region over the duration of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	3.6	12.0	6.1	12.5	10.6	5.5	50.2	16.8	0.534	0.187	0.721	1976
1981	3.8	11.2	6.0	15.3	10.5	6.6	53.4	19.6	0.470	0.209	0.678	1981
1986	3.6	9.7	4.5	14.9	10.6	7.6	50.9	20.1	0.442	0.253	0.695	1986
1991	3.4	9.7	4.3	15.5	11.3	8.1	52.3	20.7	0.422	0.259	0.682	1991
1996	3.4	11.4	4.9	17.4	14.4	8.8	60.3	24.2	0.403	0.239	0.642	1996
2001	2.9	10.2	4.7	15.8	16.5	9.4	59.5	25.6	0.354	0.253	0.607	2001
2006	2.6	8.9	5.5	13.7	18.2	10.3	59.1	26.2	0.306	0.275	0.581	2006
2011	2.6	8.0	5.3	14.2	19.2	11.4	60.8	28.2	0.276	0.296	0.572	2011
2016	2.8	7.8	4.8	15.3	18.9	13.4	63.1	30.0	0.273	0.342	0.615	2016
2021	2.9	8.0	4.4	16.1	18.0	15.4	64.9	31.0	0.283	0.401	0.683	2021
2026	2.8	8.3	4.2	16.5	17.2	17.2	66.2	31.8	0.293	0.453	0.746	2026
2031	2.7	8.4	4.4	15.7	17.9	18.2	67.2	32.5	0.291	0.481	0.772	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency: (ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency: (ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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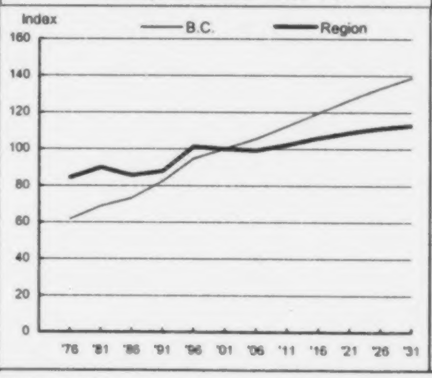
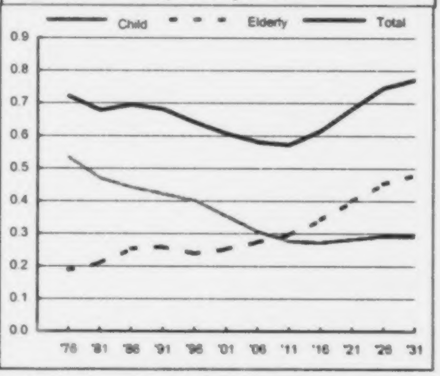


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Kelowna, Lake Country, Peachland

The economy of this region is well diversified. Tourism, forestry, and agriculture all are important industries in the region. The warm climate makes this area one of the more important agricultural centres (for tree fruits and wine grapes) in the province and is one of the attractions for tourists. It also makes the region a popular retirement centre. The stability of the agricultural and tourism sectors and the popularity of the region as a retirement centre should ensure continued growth for this region. The Coquihalla highway has made this area even more popular as a tourist destination, and the improved transportation links to the Lower Mainland have enhanced the Central Okanagan as a place to locate secondary industry.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	6,788	5,956	549	207	33	6,745	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	266	332	20	7	0	359	5.3%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	24	26	1	1	0	28	0.4%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	15	6	1	1	0	8	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	1,369	921	69	20	0	1,010	15.0%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	248	261	43	21	6	331	4.9%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	349	351	27	5	3	386	5.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	411	699	80	26	8	813	12.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	292	189	12	8	3	212	3.1%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	52	54	7	4	0	65	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	379	230	28	9	0	267	4.0%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	928	301	25	13	2	341	5.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	872	626	27	6	1	660	9.8%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	451	184	15	2	1	202	3.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	319	306	20	6	0	332	4.9%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	53	54	5	1	2	62	0.9%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	79	526	43	18	2	589	8.7%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	101	97	15	8	2	122	1.8%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	199	273	83	45	2	403	6.0%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	380	502	24	4	0	530	7.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	18	4	2	1	25	0.4%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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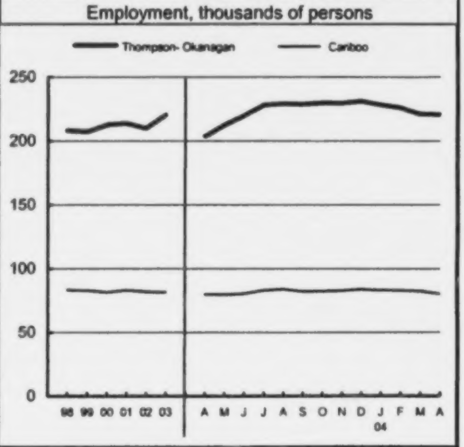
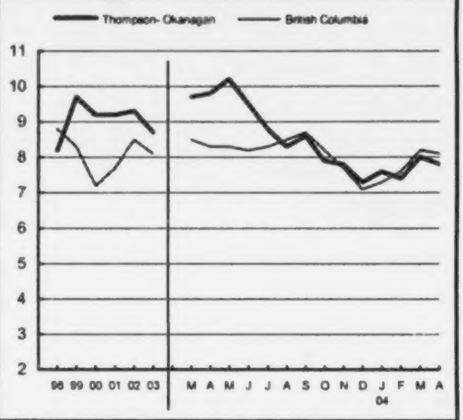
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	225.8	7.4	83.1	10.7	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	221.0	8.0	82.6	12.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	220.5	7.8	80.3	13.1	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	202.1	10.1	79.1	12.9	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	221.0	7.9	81.1	12.8	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	9.3		2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



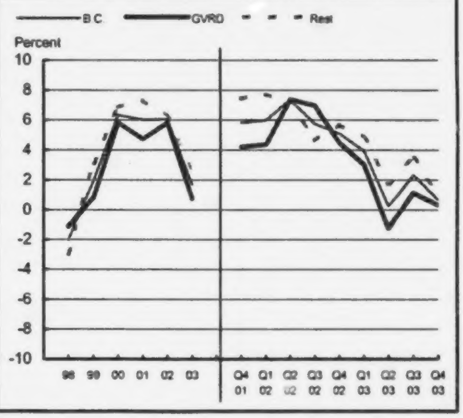
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

	Year or Year/Quarter	$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

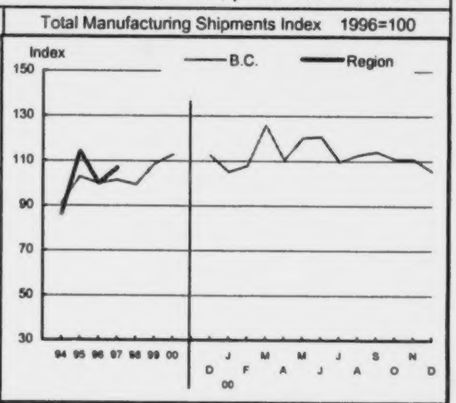
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



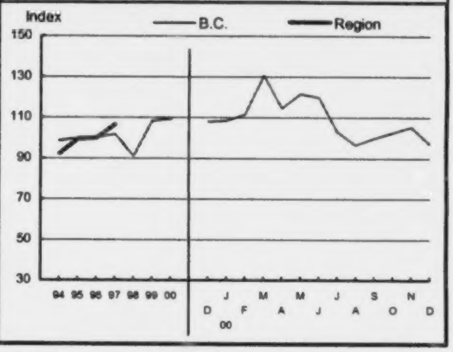
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	4	3	4	4	3
25	Wood	22	23	21	21	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	4	4	3	3
30	Metal Fabricating	17	17	18	23	24
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	104	106	122	135	131
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	153.9	189.1	203.9	205.1	218.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	48.0	48.3	53.5	56.1	62.6
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	640.1	890.0	1,175.9	1,031.0	1,101.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,103	1,144	991	887	999
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	553	494	546	551	598
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,271	4,828	5,349	4,802	5,044
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	42.1	47.8	45.6	46.7	49.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	16.6	15.2	18.2	19.7	20.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	143.6	171.3	193.3	180.7	189.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

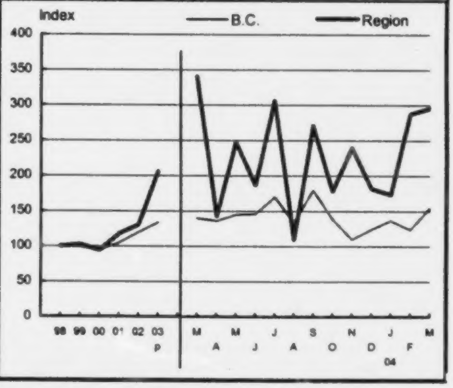


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	209.8	70.6	7.8	73.5	25.8	139.2	1,555
1997	210.9	63.7	13.0	83.7	15.7	147.2	1,433
1998	172.0	79.0	17.0	61.0	6.1	93.0	895
1999	176.3	78.2	8.2	68.4	38.6	98.0	962
2000	162.4	71.6	14.4	65.1	25.6	90.8	833
2001	202.2	70.2	4.0	76.5	25.6	132.0	1,027
2002	224.0	43.4	8.4	75.1	8.6	180.6	1,438
2003 p	353.6	73.9	4.5	98.8	11.9	279.7	1,914
YTD Mar '03	86.9	10.4	1.3	14.6	0.7	76.4	615
YTD Mar '04	108.3	13.3	2.3	19.0	6.1	95.0	647

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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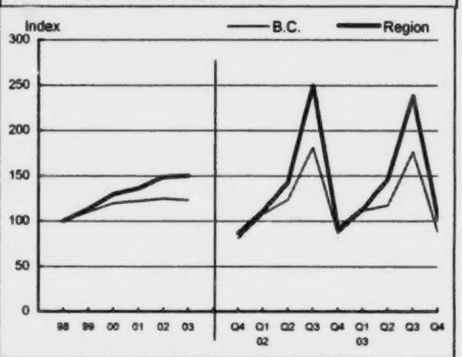
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Okanagan Regional District	1999	49,068.3	8,952.3	11,900.4	20,333.0	7,882.5
	2000	56,052.8	9,207.4	13,552.5	24,265.4	9,027.5
	2001	58,965.4	9,993.0	14,855.4	24,727.8	9,389.3
	2002	64,463.0	12,033.3	15,520.2	27,015.8	9,893.7
	2003	65,098.9	12,263.6	15,866.0	25,786.5	11,182.7
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	65,098.9	100.0%
Hotels	42,831.3	65.8%
Motels	13,424.5	20.6%
Vacation Rentals	6,729.5	10.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

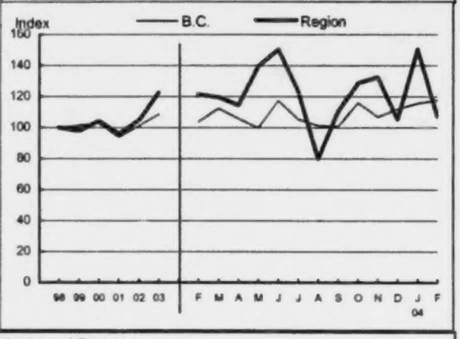


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	637
1997	644
1998	662
1999	649
2000	690
2001	635
2002	695
2003	811
Jan-Feb 03	147
Jan-Feb 04	142

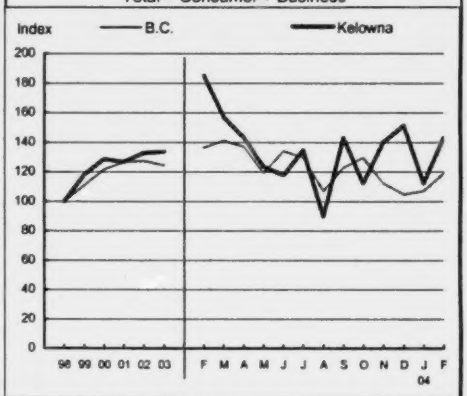
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



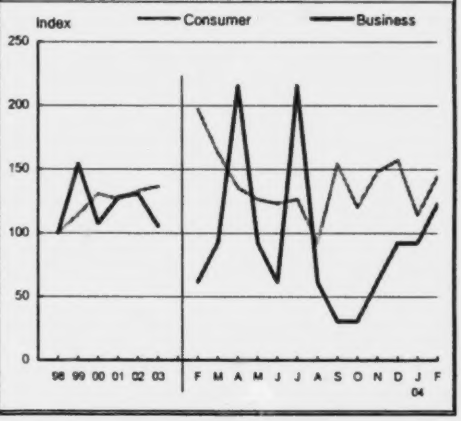
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kelowna		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	446	60	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	509	42	983	148	9,184	980
2001	492	50	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	518	51	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	531	41	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	94	10	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	84	7	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kelowna Indices 1998=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Sep '01	5.0	7.7	6.3	4.1	2.7
	Dec '01	4.9	7.2	6.1	4.1	2.5
	Mar '02	4.9	7.0	6.4	4.1	2.4
	Jun '02	3.9	5.8	4.7	3.3	2.0
	Sep '02	3.3	4.7	3.7	2.8	1.7
	Dec '02	3.0	4.3	3.1	2.6	1.5
	Mar '03	3.0	4.4	3.1	2.6	1.4
	Jun '03	2.8	4.2	3.0	2.4	1.4
	Sep '03	2.1	3.5	2.3	1.8	1.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

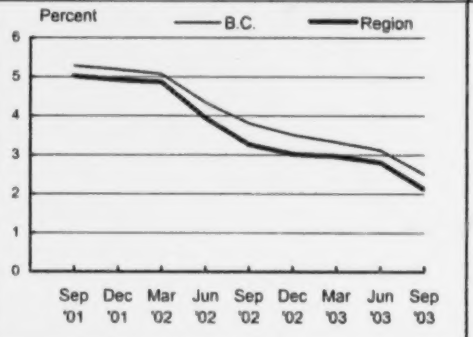
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.7	3.4	4.1	1.9	Sep '01
4.7	5.0	5.1	2.6	Dec '01
5.2	5.3	5.7	3.1	Mar '02
3.6	3.3	4.1	2.1	Jun '02
3.1	2.6	3.5	1.7	Sep '02
4.4	4.1	4.9	2.5	Dec '02
4.8	4.5	5.4	2.7	Mar '03
4.0	3.4	4.5	2.4	Jun '03
3.6	3.2	4.0	2.2	Sep '03

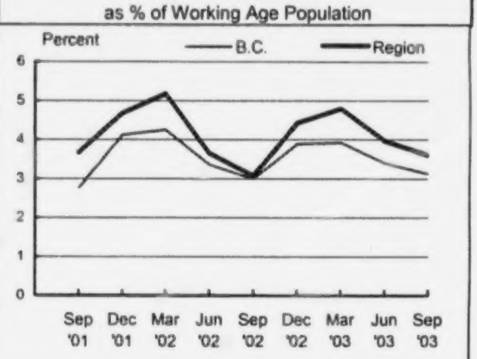
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,739	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	58.8	46.1
1-2 Years	14.6	14.9
>2 Years	26.7	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

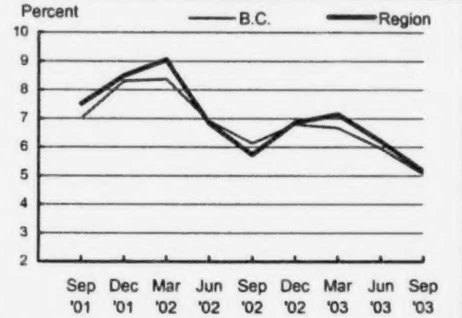
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Sep '01	7.5	9.4	8.0	3.9
	Dec '01	8.5	10.8	9.0	4.7
	Mar '02	9.0	11.3	9.6	5.1
	Jun '02	6.8	7.8	7.4	3.9
	Sep '02	5.7	6.2	6.2	3.3
	Dec '02	6.9	7.1	7.5	4.2
	Mar '03	7.1	7.5	7.8	4.2
	Jun '03	6.2	6.3	6.8	3.8
	Sep '03	5.2	5.4	5.7	2.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

High inflows of interprovincial migrants have resulted in the population of this area more than doubling in the last 25 years. This region was one of the highest growth areas in the province through the nineties. Due to the presence of a large retirement base, the median age of the population is higher than the provincial median. Since women tend to live longer than men, this also helps explain the bias towards females in the gender ratio. The ratio of females to males is higher than the provincial ratio. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is higher than the ratio for the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The diversity of the economy and the pleasant climate make this area one of the more popular locations to move to in the province. This will likely continue to be the case for some time and this region can expect to continue to receive large net inflows of migrants throughout the projection period. As the population ages and fertility rates drop, deaths will exceed births. Despite the reduction in natural increase, population growth in this area will likely remain strong due to the positive net migration.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.6	17.3	8.4	18.2	15.3	9.0	72.9	24.4	0.524	0.215	0.739	1976
1981	5.3	17.2	10.3	23.5	18.6	12.5	87.3	31.9	0.428	0.238	0.666	1981
1986	5.6	16.0	9.5	25.8	20.4	15.5	92.8	36.4	0.388	0.278	0.667	1986
1991	7.1	19.0	9.8	34.1	24.7	20.0	114.7	44.5	0.380	0.291	0.671	1991
1996	8.3	24.0	12.1	42.5	31.2	23.9	141.9	55.8	0.377	0.279	0.656	1996
2001	7.4	25.4	13.0	42.8	38.2	27.7	154.4	63.5	0.349	0.295	0.644	2001
2006	7.1	24.5	14.7	43.3	44.9	31.1	165.6	70.4	0.308	0.302	0.610	2006
2011	7.9	24.0	15.5	47.3	52.2	34.5	181.3	79.8	0.277	0.300	0.577	2011
2016	8.7	24.8	15.7	53.5	56.8	39.8	199.4	89.7	0.266	0.316	0.582	2016
2021	9.3	26.9	15.2	58.9	60.5	46.0	216.7	98.1	0.269	0.342	0.611	2021
2026	9.7	28.9	15.9	61.7	64.1	53.3	233.6	106.1	0.272	0.376	0.648	2026
2031	9.9	30.4	17.1	62.9	69.1	60.3	249.8	114.4	0.270	0.405	0.675	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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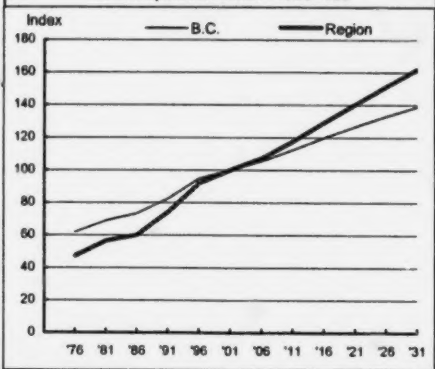
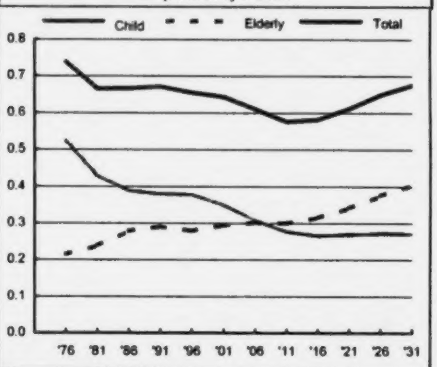


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Sicamous

The economy of this region is based on forestry, tourism and services and construction related to rail transportation and hydro facilities. In the past, the Revelstoke area was the beneficiary of several mega-projects, and as a result, received large inflows of migrants. However, once the projects were completed, many of these people moved on, suggesting the construction activity was artificially propping up the population. The Golden area has experienced a surge in population related to the construction and operation of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, which opened during 2000. The resource sectors in this region have been struggling over the last few years with mill and mine closures occurring. There are some promising mineral deposits in the region that could lead to future mine development.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Columbia-Shuswap							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,198	1,970	129	53	11	2,163	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	267	215	8	3	0	226	10.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	12	6	1	0	0	7	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	3	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	399	289	7	5	0	301	13.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	94	103	8	7	5	123	5.7%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	74	75	5	0	0	80	3.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	162	266	17	10	0	293	13.5%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	115	105	9	0	0	114	5.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	20	16	2	0	0	18	0.8%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	96	33	4	1	0	38	1.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	277	77	6	3	0	86	4.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	185	147	2	1	0	150	6.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	111	28	0	1	0	29	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	79	82	1	1	1	85	3.9%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	14	13	1	1	3	18	0.8%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	18	122	11	6	1	140	6.5%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	37	50	4	3	1	58	2.7%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	107	187	38	8	0	233	10.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	128	150	3	0	0	153	7.1%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	4	2	3	0	9	0.4%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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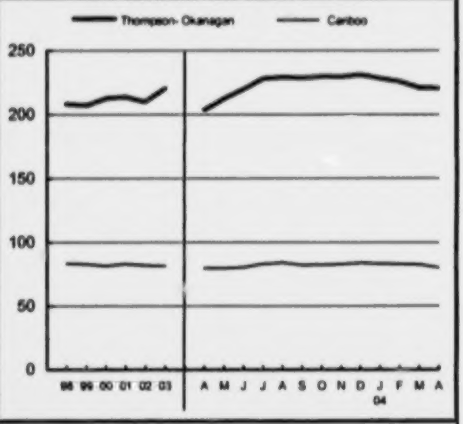
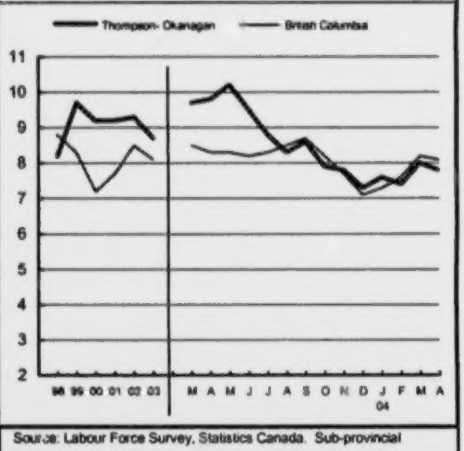
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan Emp. ('000)	Thompson-Okanagan Unemp. %	Cariboo Emp. ('000)	Cariboo Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	225.8	7.4	83.1	10.7	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	221.0	8.0	82.6	12.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	220.5	7.8	80.3	13.1	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	202.1	10.1	79.1	12.9	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	221.0	7.9	81.1	12.8	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	9.3		2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



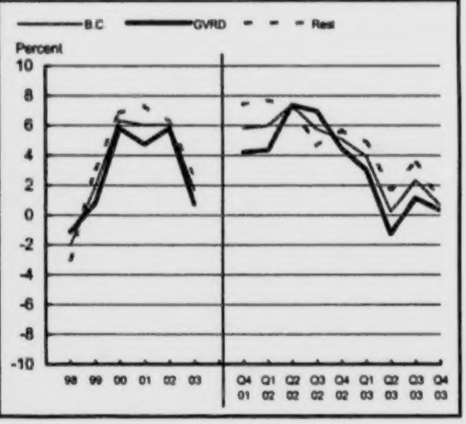
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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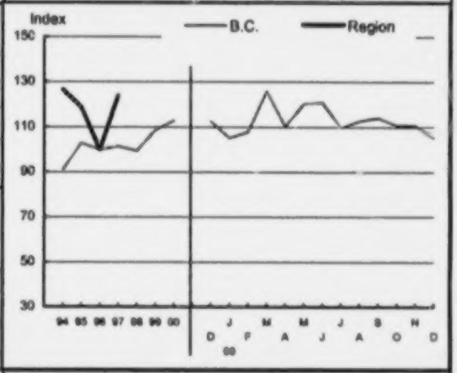
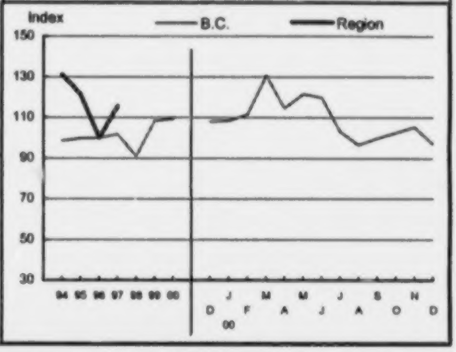
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	2	3	2
25	Wood	21	19	19	23	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	15	14	15	18	17
30	Metal Fabricating	5	5	6	6	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	45	42	48	51	49
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	6.9	**
25	Wood	294.0	337.6	312.6	257.7	297.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	204.9	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	3.1	3.2	3.5	4.4	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	384.0	448.0	420.2	353.8	438.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	20	**
25	Wood	1,415	1,429	1,322	1,145	1,230
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	952	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	37	38	39	32	40
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,910	2,061	1,982	1,740	1,939
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	0.7	**
25	Wood	59.4	65.9	61.7	52.0	54.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	39.7	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	78.2	92.1	89.8	78.7	89.3

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

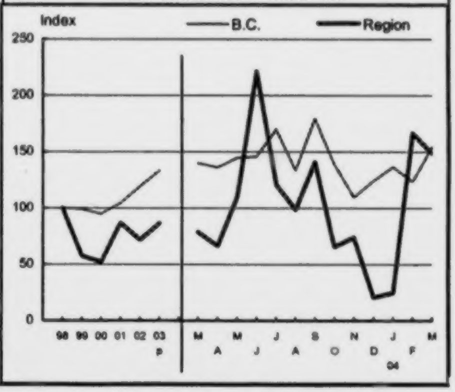


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	51.9	24.6	3.3	94.4	15.0	27.2	271
1997	53.4	19.9	6.8	71.9	3.6	33.5	321
1998	48.7	34.3	1.9	68.9	10.6	14.5	94
1999	28.0	13.0	1.1	58.5	4.4	15.0	122
2000	25.4	13.6	3.0	54.7	3.1	11.7	77
2001	42.3	28.2	0.9	67.1	8.3	14.1	99
2002	35.0	15.9	4.0	83.7	4.4	19.2	146
2003 p	42.2	12.1	2.1	102.2	2.9	30.1	283
YTD Mar '03	5.0	1.8	0.3	27.0	0.5	3.2	20
YTD Mar '04	13.8	7.3	0.0	23.4	0.4	6.5	62

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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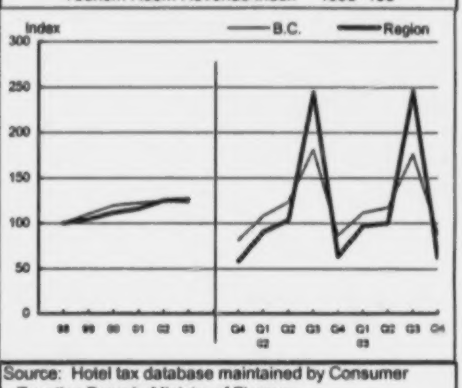
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	1999	28,932.7	4,168.0	6,629.2	14,863.5	3,272.0
	2000	30,961.3	4,796.3	6,345.6	16,282.1	3,537.3
	2001	32,205.4	5,028.5	6,667.4	16,488.5	4,020.9
	2002	34,657.9	6,235.0	7,155.2	16,870.3	4,397.4
	2003	34,961.4	6,730.5	6,928.2	17,005.3	4,297.4
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	34,961.4	100.0%
Hotels	15,226.9	43.6%
Motels	12,733.6	36.4%
Miscellaneous	96.7	0.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

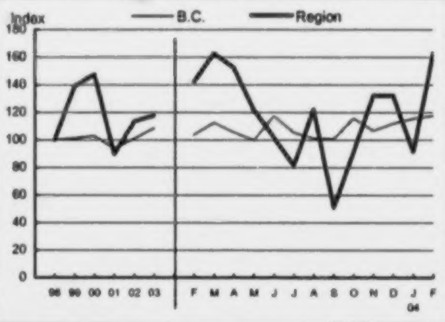


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	174
1997	171
1998	118
1999	164
2000	174
2001	106
2002	134
2003	139
Jan-Feb 03	26
Jan-Feb 04	25

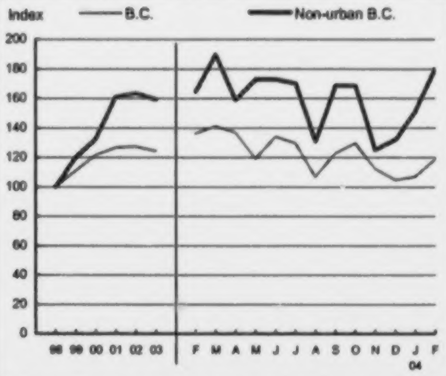
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



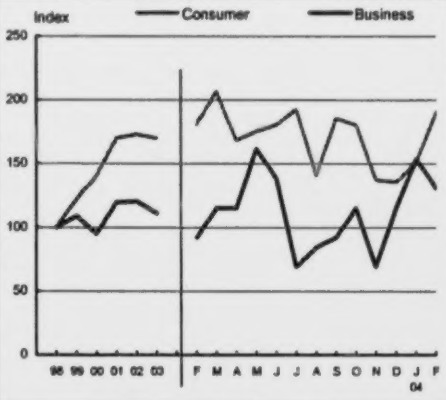
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

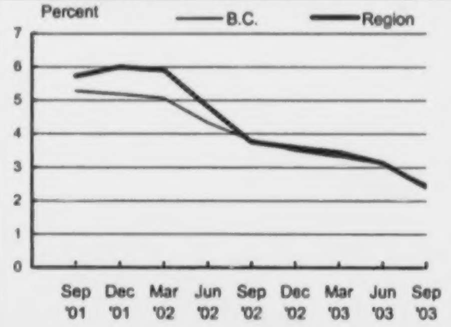
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Sep '01	5.7	8.8	5.8	4.8	3.2
	Dec '01	6.0	9.1	6.8	5.1	3.2
	Mar '02	5.9	8.8	6.3	5.1	3.0
	Jun '02	4.8	7.3	4.7	4.2	2.4
	Sep '02	3.8	5.4	3.6	3.4	1.9
	Dec '02	3.6	5.2	2.9	3.3	1.8
	Mar '03	3.4	5.1	2.6	3.2	1.7
	Jun '03	3.1	4.6	2.3	2.9	1.5
	Sep '03	2.4	3.9	1.7	2.2	1.3

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,008	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	56.1	46.1
1-2 Years	13.4	14.9
>2 Years	30.5	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



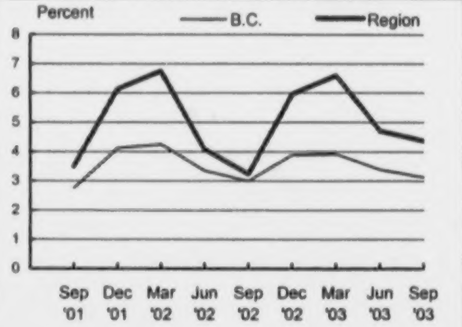
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group / Reference Group	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
	3.5	3.7	4.0	1.6	Sep '01
	6.1	7.6	6.7	3.0	Dec '01
	6.8	7.5	7.5	3.5	Mar '02
	4.1	3.9	4.7	2.0	Jun '02
	3.2	3.2	3.8	1.4	Sep '02
	6.0	6.5	6.6	3.2	Dec '02
	6.6	6.8	7.4	3.7	Mar '03
	4.7	4.9	5.3	2.6	Jun '03
	4.4	4.8	4.9	2.2	Sep '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

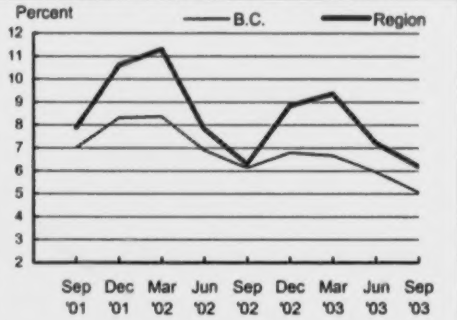
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Sep '01	7.9	9.4	8.7	3.8
	Dec '01	10.6	13.8	11.4	5.3
	Mar '02	11.3	13.6	12.4	5.7
	Jun '02	7.8	8.4	8.8	4.1
	Sep '02	6.3	6.7	7.0	3.3
	Dec '02	8.8	9.4	9.8	5.1
	Mar '03	9.4	9.4	10.5	5.5
	Jun '03	7.2	7.1	8.1	4.2
	Sep '03	6.2	6.5	7.0	3.1

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

As with most resource dependant regions, there was negative net migration during the early to mid eighties and again in the late nineties. The climate of the region has been attracting retirees, particularly to the Salmon Arm area, and as a result, the median age of the region's population is higher than the provincial median. Consequently, the elderly dependancy ratio is higher than the provincail average but so is the child dependancy ratio. The total fertility rate is only slightly higher than the provincial figure.

14 Projection

Losses in the forest and mining sectors will likely dampen migration to this area somewhat, but the proximity of Salmon Arm to the Northern Okanagan, should result in spin-off growth from those areas. As a result, migration is expected to be positive ovverall, although at lower levels than those experienced in the mid-nineties. The end result should be moderate population growth over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

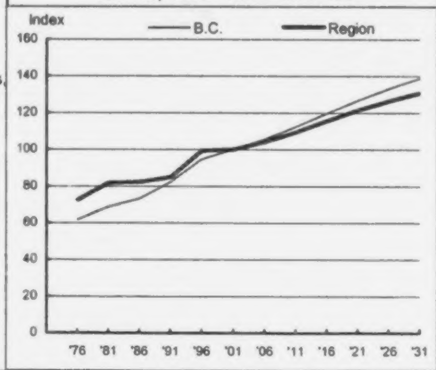
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.7	9.6	4.6	9.6	7.1	2.8	36.4	11.5	0.576	0.131	0.707	1976
1981	3.2	9.0	5.3	11.9	8.0	3.7	41.1	14.3	0.482	0.148	0.631	1981
1986	3.0	8.1	4.3	12.7	8.5	4.8	41.4	15.6	0.439	0.188	0.626	1986
1991	3.0	8.1	3.5	13.1	9.3	5.8	42.7	16.3	0.429	0.224	0.653	1991
1996	3.0	9.5	3.8	14.9	11.7	7.1	50.0	19.4	0.411	0.233	0.644	1996
2001	2.4	9.0	4.0	13.6	13.3	8.0	50.3	20.8	0.367	0.259	0.625	2001
2006	2.1	8.0	5.1	12.7	15.4	9.1	52.4	22.6	0.306	0.276	0.582	2006
2011	2.4	7.2	5.0	13.3	16.8	10.4	55.1	25.0	0.273	0.298	0.571	2011
2016	2.6	7.1	4.5	14.7	17.2	12.0	58.2	27.0	0.268	0.329	0.597	2016
2021	2.7	7.7	4.0	16.0	17.0	13.7	61.0	28.4	0.281	0.369	0.650	2021
2026	2.6	8.2	4.0	16.5	16.7	15.6	63.6	29.4	0.292	0.421	0.712	2026
2031	2.5	8.3	4.4	15.8	17.5	17.2	65.8	30.7	0.289	0.455	0.743	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

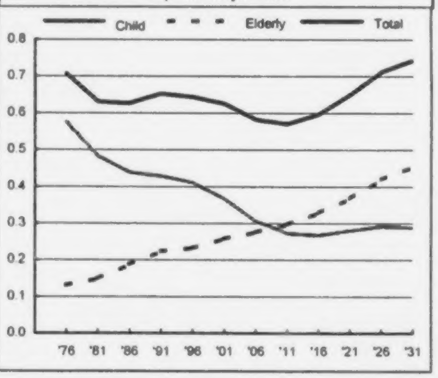
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Campbell River, Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos

Forestry activity continues to decline yet while some mills are closing others are upgrading and or adding shifts. Raw log exports are creating jobs for loggers but trade restrictions are reducing demand for value-added products. The AAC is being reduced but old growth forest is being cut and exported as raw logs creating some jobs while taking away others. First Nations groups are playing a more active role in forestry. There are currently two major mines in the region: the Quinsam Coal Mine and the Myra Falls Mine, both near Campbell River. Developments that have had an affect on population include the closure of the pulp mill at Gold River, the closure of the Tahsis lumber mill. The pulp mill closure has had an impact on the town of Gold River and has already resulted in some population movement from the area. The Tahsis mill closure has resulted in substantial net migration outflows. The mines are not scheduled to close for some time, but when they do, there will likely be a modest population impact.

Energy generation is a growing activity with forest and mining companies working towards becoming self sufficient and in some cases may be able to sell power to the grid. Construction of generation facilities will provide some jobs, likely locally, but few people will be employed in the on going operation. Coal bed methane may begin to be tapped in the near future now that ownerships issues have been dealt with and after environmental issues have been addressed.

Agriculture has grown rapidly in recent years and has subsequently suffered from a shortage of pickers. Wild blueberries and specialty crops have found markets particularly in the pacific rim.

Tourism continues to be strong but the airport will not be expanded, at least in the short term, as had been hoped. Campbell River may see more tourism employment with cruise ships and gaming facilities proposed.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Comox-Strathcona							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,754	3,603	229	94	21	3,947	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	479	425	32	19	4	480	12.2%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	8	6	1	2	1	10	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	638	439	14	8	0	461	11.7%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	151	148	11	6	4	169	4.3%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	117	129	9	0	0	138	3.5%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	263	473	40	10	4	527	13.4%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	207	166	8	2	0	176	4.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	33	17	7	0	0	24	0.6%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	148	91	11	1	0	103	2.6%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	434	152	7	2	0	161	4.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	396	326	5	1	0	332	8.4%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	221	46	1	3	0	50	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	168	172	4	7	0	183	4.6%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	28	31	3	1	3	38	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	37	338	26	10	2	376	9.5%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	71	75	3	2	1	81	2.1%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	147	236	37	15	0	288	7.3%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	206	313	7	3	0	323	8.2%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	19	3	2	2	26	0.7%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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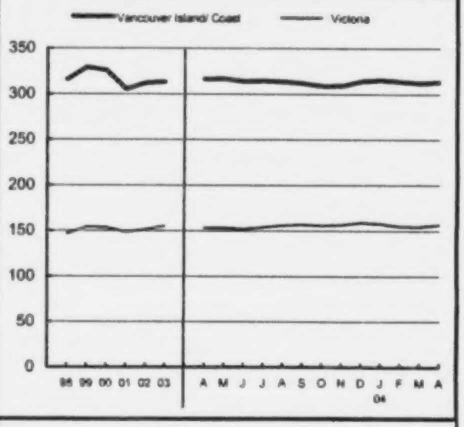
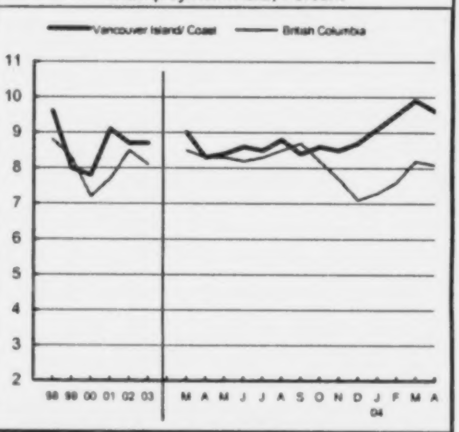
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	313.6	9.5	155.0	5.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	312.0	9.9	154.9	5.4	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	313.2	9.6	157.1	4.4	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	313.4	8.8	152.8	6.0	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	312.7	9.5	156.2	5.1	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-0.2		2.2		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



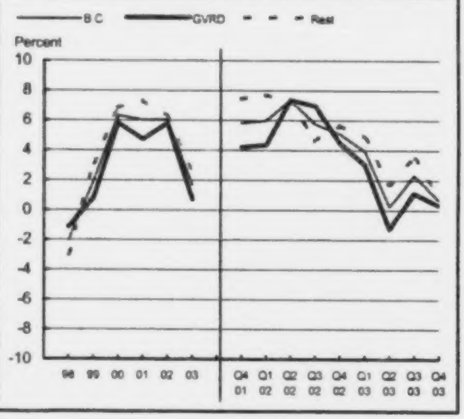
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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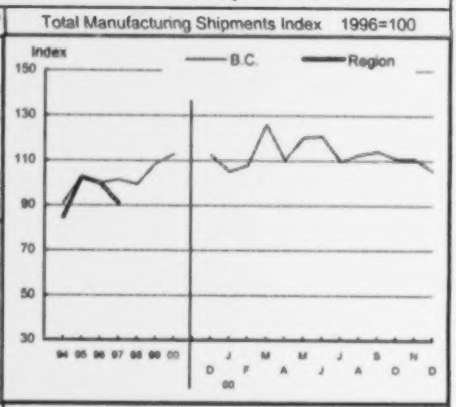
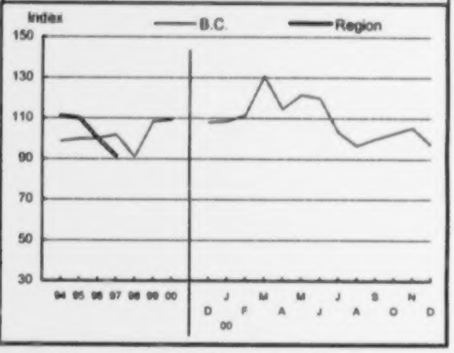
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	7	7	7	8	8
25	Wood	17	17	19	25	26
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8	7	8	11	11
30	Metal Fabricating	9	8	5	7	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	58	58	68	81	79
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	36.0	**	**	**	52.7
25	Wood	230.7	322.0	319.1	290.1	265.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	213.2	303.6	302.2	271.9	243.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	9.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	713.9	933.2	1,131.0	1,105.0	1,006.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	207	**	**	**	313
25	Wood	1,135	1,145	902	920	881
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	976	966	772	792	723
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	87
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,419	3,460	3,195	3,189	3,533
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	6.5	**	**	**	8.5
25	Wood	51.2	55.2	50.2	49.6	42.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	46.2	50.0	45.7	45.6	36.9
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	3.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	154.4	163.1	157.0	169.8	178.5

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

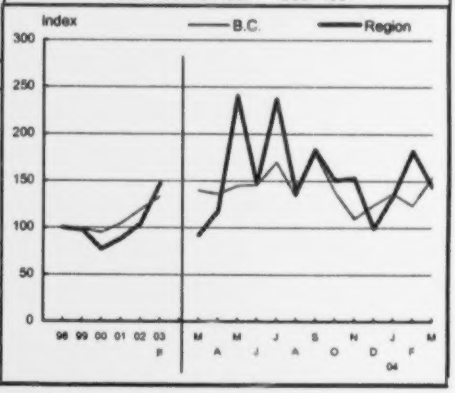


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	159.4	65.3	7.7	159.4	30.0	94.1	884
1997	135.6	45.9	2.2	135.6	9.9	89.8	831
1998	79.0	33.9	3.9	79.0	9.7	45.1	407
1999	77.1	47.9	18.6	77.1	16.1	29.2	279
2000	60.9	35.2	3.9	60.9	21.4	25.7	145
2001	69.7	35.6	7.6	69.7	13.0	34.1	232
2002	82.4	22.5	2.5	82.4	3.9	59.9	458
2003 p	115.9	33.1	6.7	115.9	5.1	82.8	543
YTD Mar '03	19.4	6.0	0.4	19.4	2.6	13.5	91
YTD Mar '04	30.3	6.7	2.6	30.3	0.2	23.6	171

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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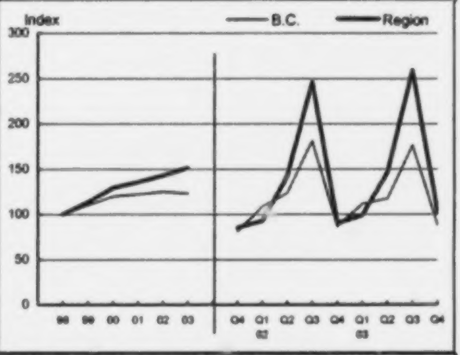
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	1999	21,938.0	3,521.0	4,998.9	9,748.4	3,669.8
	2000	25,007.5	3,892.5	5,749.1	11,359.0	4,007.0
	2001	26,263.7	4,030.7	6,398.9	11,697.3	4,136.9
	2002	27,629.2	4,481.7	6,880.6	11,908.3	4,358.6
	2003	29,295.6	4,793.2	7,068.2	12,540.9	4,893.3
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,295.6	100.0%
Fishing lodges	4,765.1	16.3%
Hotels	7,735.7	26.4%
Motels	7,163.9	24.5%
Vacation Rentals	3,696.1	12.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

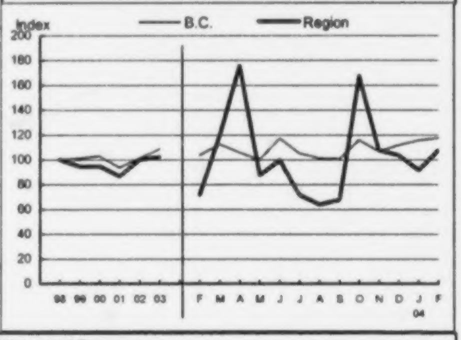


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	356
1997	320
1998	301
1999	285
2000	285
2001	261
2002	302
2003	308
Jan-Feb 03	41
Jan-Feb 04	50

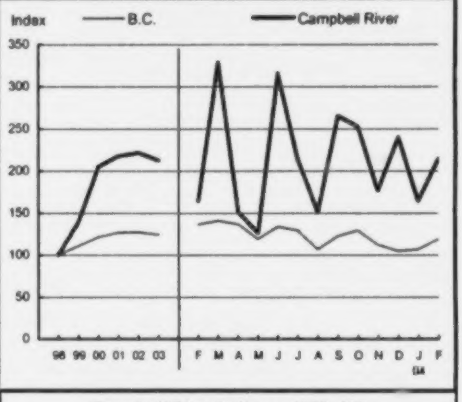
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



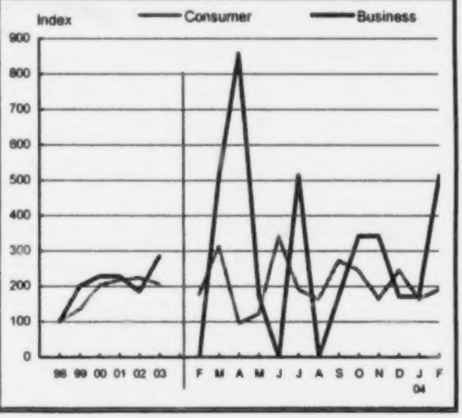
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Campbell River		Courtenay		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	119	14	146	20	8,181	1,077
2000	179	16	173	10	9,184	980
2001	191	16	152	11	9,476	1,101
2002	198	13	170	11	9,531	1,107
2003	182	20	148	13	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	24	2	28	0	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	26	4	24	2	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Campbell River Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Sep '01	7.9	10.9	11.1	6.7	3.7
	Dec '01	7.9	10.8	10.9	6.8	3.7
	Mar '02	7.8	10.9	10.3	6.8	3.7
	Jun '02	6.5	9.1	8.3	5.7	3.3
	Sep '02	5.7	8.0	7.0	5.0	2.9
	Dec '02	5.3	7.4	6.0	4.7	2.6
	Mar '03	5.1	7.0	5.2	4.7	2.4
	Jun '03	4.7	6.6	4.7	4.3	2.3
	Sep '03	3.8	5.7	4.1	3.3	2.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

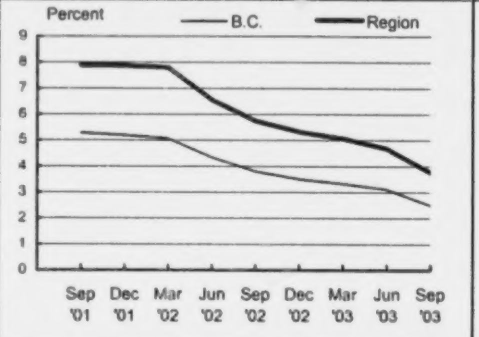
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group / Reference Group	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Sep '01	3.4	2.8	3.8	2.0
Dec '01	6.7	5.8	7.4	4.2
Mar '02	6.7	5.1	7.7	4.1
Jun '02	4.0	3.8	4.5	2.2
Sep '02	3.6	3.6	4.1	1.8
Dec '02	5.7	5.5	6.3	3.6
Mar '03	5.2	5.0	5.8	3.2
Jun '03	4.3	4.0	5.0	2.4
Sep '03	3.7	3.7	4.3	1.9

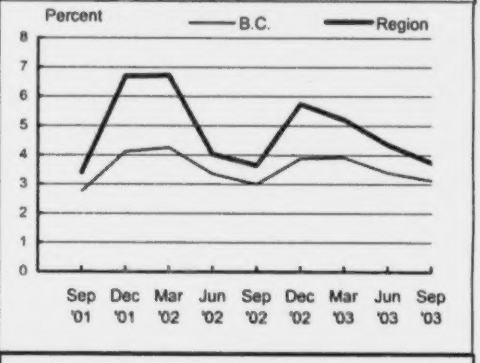
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,208	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.3	46.1
1-2 Years	14.0	14.9
>2 Years	39.8	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

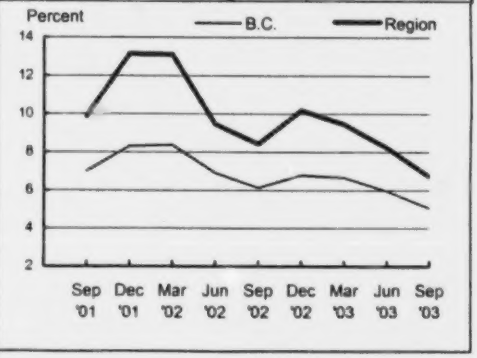
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Sep '01	9.9	13.6	10.4	5.0
	Dec '01	13.1	16.4	14.0	7.4
	Mar '02	13.1	15.1	14.3	7.3
	Jun '02	9.5	11.9	10.2	5.0
	Sep '02	8.4	10.5	9.1	4.5
	Dec '02	10.2	11.4	11.0	6.2
	Mar '03	9.5	10.1	10.4	5.6
	Jun '03	8.2	8.6	9.2	4.5
	Sep '03	6.7	7.7	7.5	3.0

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

13 Demographics

The dependence on resource industries is likely the reason for the gender bias in favour of males in this region in the past, since most of these industries tend to have male-dominated employment. However there are now more females than males. The median age of death is marginally lower than that of the province as a whole. Both the child and elderly dependancy ratios are higher than the provincial figures.

14 Projection

The diversity of the Courtenay and Campbell River areas should draw migrants to this region for most years. Downturns in the forest sector will likely continue to fuel out-migration for at least the short term. It is expected that the high pace of growth in the early to mid nineties cannot be sustained. Population growth rates will likely rise slowly for the first few years of the projection becoming moderate to the end of the forecast. Natural increase will likely decrease, gradually reducing the population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

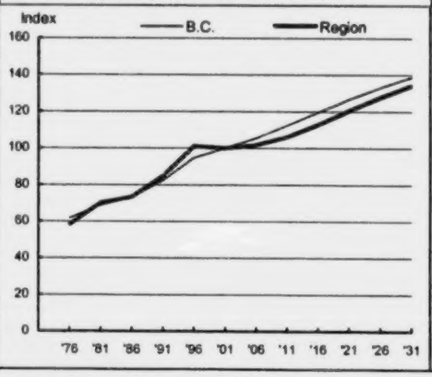
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.6	14.9	7.6	17.1	10.6	3.8	58.6	18.4	0.555	0.108	0.663	1976
1981	5.6	15.3	9.1	22.5	12.8	5.2	70.4	24.1	0.471	0.116	0.587	1981
1986	5.7	14.7	7.5	24.6	14.3	6.7	73.6	27.7	0.440	0.145	0.586	1986
1991	6.3	16.8	6.8	28.6	17.5	9.1	85.1	32.0	0.435	0.172	0.607	1991
1996	6.5	20.2	7.9	32.6	23.3	11.1	101.5	39.4	0.417	0.173	0.591	1996
2001	5.0	18.6	7.8	28.3	27.4	13.4	100.4	41.5	0.372	0.210	0.583	2001
2006	4.2	16.2	10.1	24.8	31.6	15.2	102.1	45.0	0.306	0.229	0.535	2006
2011	4.6	14.2	9.8	25.6	34.7	17.6	106.5	49.6	0.268	0.251	0.519	2011
2016	5.4	13.8	9.0	28.9	34.8	21.4	113.4	54.0	0.264	0.293	0.558	2016
2021	5.9	15.4	8.0	32.4	34.2	25.3	121.1	57.4	0.285	0.339	0.624	2021
2026	6.0	17.2	7.9	34.3	33.5	29.5	128.4	60.1	0.308	0.390	0.697	2026
2031	5.9	18.4	9.0	33.1	35.8	32.6	134.8	63.0	0.312	0.418	0.730	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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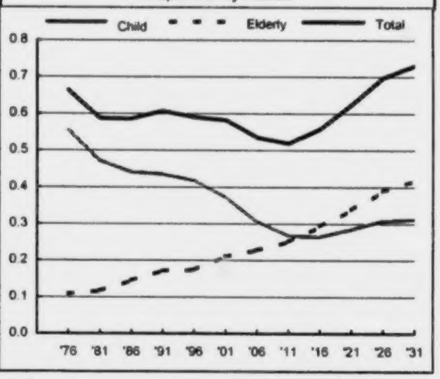

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, North Cowichan

The Cowichan Valley is home to many lumber processing facilities as well as the pulp and paper mill in Crofton. Agricultural activity continues to thrive but tourism and services related to the retirement community are also important. Many economic spin-offs arise from the region's location between the Capital Regional District and the Nanaimo Regional District. Nonetheless, the economic dependence on forestry makes the area vulnerable to downturns in the forest sector. The Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) was reduced by 7% to 373,000 cm in the fall of 2002. Many major industrial developments have been proposed, particularly for electrical generation which have the potential of supplying power to the grid.

There is some residential and retail building in the area but these developments are much smaller than those closer to the Greater Victoria area.

Forestry continues to have troubles as capital investment is low. The low Canadian dollar helped promote exports to China from the island in the first quarter of 2003, but the rising dollar and uncertainty regarding supply under the new forestry policy have slowed the recovery.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cowichan Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,661	2,276	150	69	13	2,508	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	217	196	8	6	2	212	8.5%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	5	6	0	0	0	6	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	2	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	486	300	15	3	0	318	12.7%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	123	125	18	14	4	161	6.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	97	87	5	0	0	92	3.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	226	294	29	10	1	334	13.3%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	104	102	4	2	0	108	4.3%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	20	12	2	0	0	14	0.6%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	103	47	6	0	1	54	2.2%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	324	82	4	0	0	86	3.4%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	343	202	10	3	0	215	8.6%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	147	37	3	3	0	43	1.7%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	106	99	4	1	0	104	4.1%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	19	27	2	5	2	36	1.4%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	15	222	13	11	1	247	9.8%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	46	51	4	0	0	55	2.2%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	94	167	18	8	0	193	7.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	184	202	3	1	0	206	8.2%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	16	2	2	2	22	0.9%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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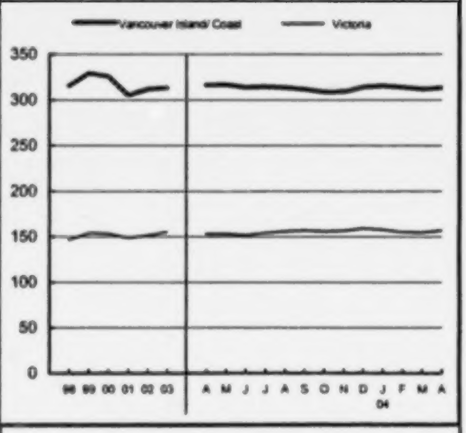
Regional District

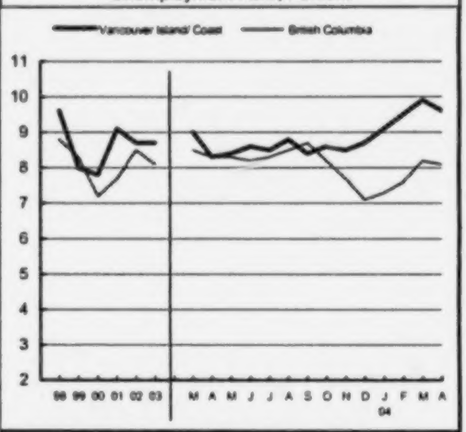
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	313.6	9.5	155.0	5.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	312.0	9.9	154.9	5.4	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	313.2	9.6	157.1	4.4	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	313.4	8.8	152.8	6.0	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	312.7	9.5	156.2	5.1	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-0.2		2.2		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



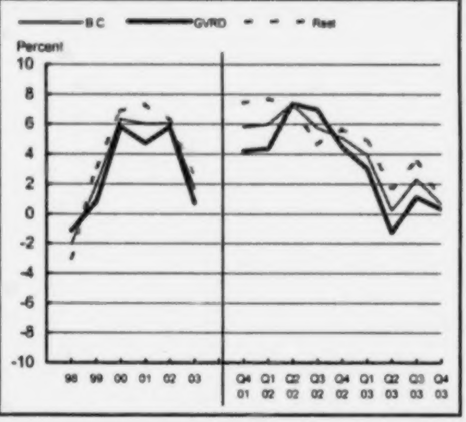
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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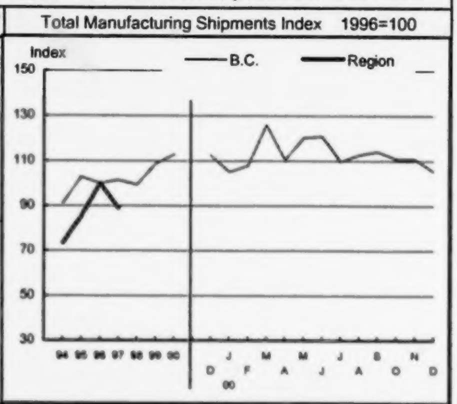
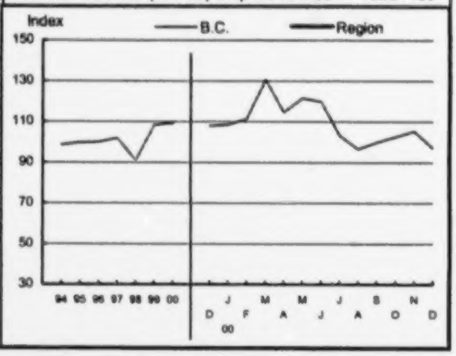
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	6	5	4	4	4
25	Wood	20	20	21	30	26
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	12	12	13	17	14
30	Metal Fabricating	8	7	9	12	11
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	49	51	54	71	66
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	580.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	392.9	442.0	460.9	499.2	546.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	14.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	769.2	876.5	1,017.3	1,191.8	1,058.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	1,496
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,072	1,102	1,131	1,220	1,227
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	136
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,859	2,943	2,898	2,952	3,330
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	73.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	50.4	56.5	59.1	59.9	65.2
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	5.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	126.1	141.0	142.1	152.3	162.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

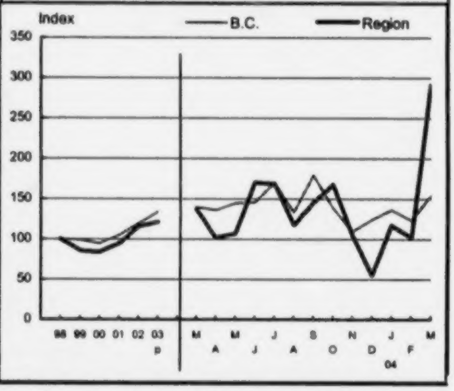
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	90.5	20.1	1.9	90.5	11.7	70.4	786
1997	69.6	12.2	0.8	69.6	2.0	57.4	498
1998	61.2	21.2	2.4	61.2	6.8	40.0	350
1999	52.5	15.7	1.7	52.5	7.8	36.8	310
2000	51.4	23.3	3.5	51.4	14.9	28.0	179
2001	57.7	19.5	1.9	57.7	11.5	38.2	251
2002	70.8	24.2	2.6	70.8	16.3	46.6	331
2003 p	74.2	18.0	2.1	74.2	10.1	56.2	375
YTD Mar '03	16.1	3.6	0.6	16.1	1.3	12.5	79
YTD Mar '04	26.0	10.0	0.4	26.0	0.0	16.0	111

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.

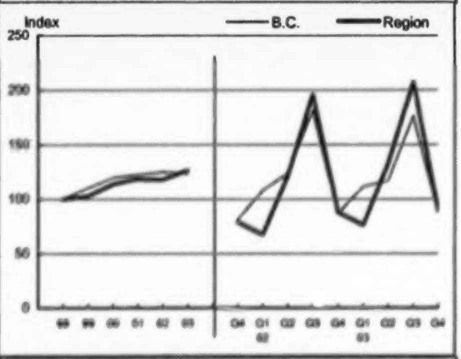
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cowichan Valley Regional District	1999	6,623.4	941.0	1,789.0	2,767.9	1,125.6
	2000	7,324.0	932.3	2,044.3	3,007.7	1,339.7
	2001	7,641.5	1,143.2	2,078.8	3,146.3	1,273.3
	2002	7,606.5	1,081.9	1,952.5	3,157.7	1,414.4
	2003	8,145.4	1,227.9	2,136.4	3,336.1	1,444.9
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

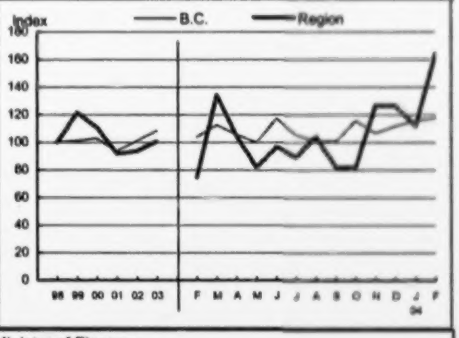
Total	8,145.4	100.0%
Motels	1,769.2	21.7%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	169
1997	198
1998	161
1999	196
2000	178
2001	148
2002	151
2003	162
Jan-Feb 03	24
Jan-Feb 04	37

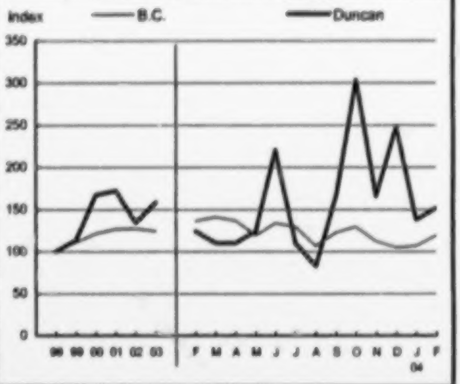
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



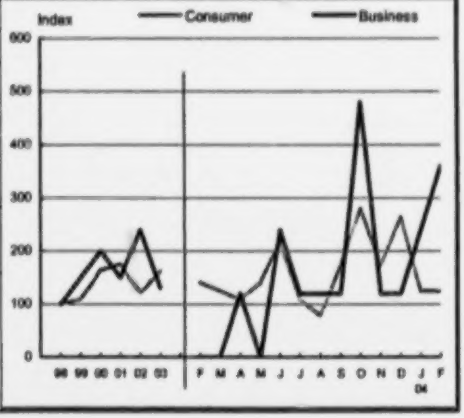
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Duncan		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	84	15	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	126	20	983	148	9,184	980
2001	135	15	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	93	24	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	125	13	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	18	1	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	16	5	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Duncan Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Sep '01	7.5	10.7	10.3	6.3	3.5
	Dec '01	7.4	10.6	9.8	6.4	3.4
	Mar '02	7.3	10.5	9.0	6.4	3.1
	Jun '02	6.4	9.4	7.7	5.6	2.9
	Sep '02	5.8	8.5	6.6	5.0	2.7
	Dec '02	5.3	7.7	5.6	4.6	2.4
	Mar '03	5.0	7.6	4.7	4.6	2.3
	Jun '03	4.7	7.2	4.3	4.2	2.2
	Sep '03	3.8	6.3	3.9	3.3	1.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

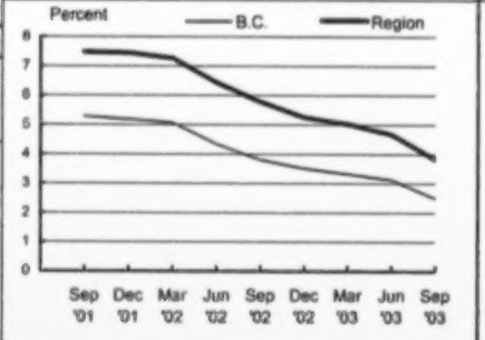
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.8	2.4	3.3	1.2	Sep '01
4.3	3.4	5.1	2.1	Dec '01
4.3	3.3	5.2	2.1	Mar '02
3.4	2.5	4.0	1.6	Jun '02
2.9	2.1	3.4	1.5	Sep '02
3.7	3.0	4.4	1.7	Dec '02
3.6	3.2	4.2	1.7	Mar '03
3.1	2.7	3.7	1.5	Jun '03
2.8	2.5	3.3	1.4	Sep '03

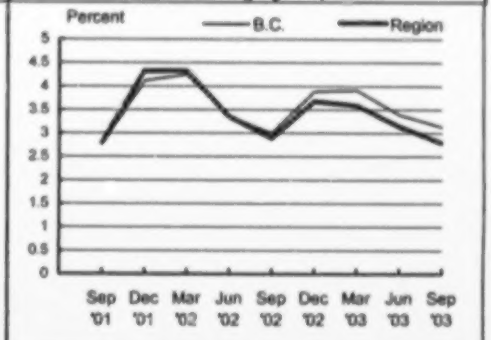
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,303	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.6	46.1
1-2 Years	14.1	14.9
>2 Years	43.3	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

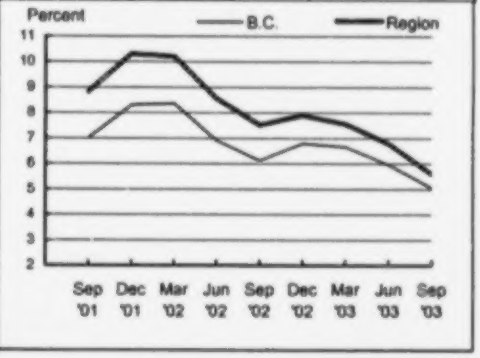
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Sep '01	8.8	12.6	9.5	3.5
	Dec '01	10.3	13.0	11.3	4.6
	Mar '02	10.2	12.1	11.5	4.4
	Jun '02	8.6	10.0	9.6	3.8
	Sep '02	7.5	8.6	8.4	3.5
	Dec '02	7.9	8.6	9.0	3.7
	Mar '03	7.6	7.8	8.7	3.5
	Jun '03	6.8	6.9	7.8	3.2
	Sep '03	5.6	6.3	6.5	2.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Cowichan Valley
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region suffered substantial decreases in migration in the early eighties and again recently because of the downturn in the forest sector. Due to a growing retirement community, the median age of the population has been getting older and is higher than the provincial median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is higher in this region than for the province as a whole, but the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio. This is partly the result of a substantially higher fertility rate for this area compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

This area has benefited from spin-off growth from both Victoria and Nanaimo and will likely continue to do so. Deaths will likely begin to exceed births resulting in negative natural increase. In the short-term, forestry job losses will likely result in some out-migration. However, net migration is expected to become positive contributing substantially to population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

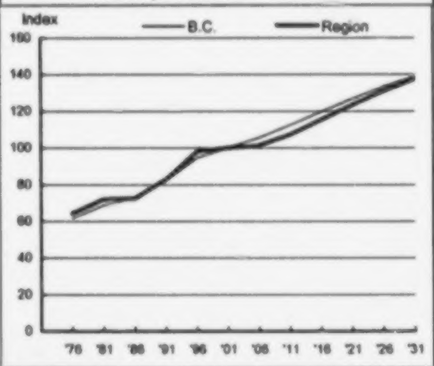
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.7	11.9	6.0	12.3	9.9	4.4	48.3	16.2	0.553	0.158	0.711	1976
1981	4.0	11.6	6.5	15.4	10.7	5.9	54.1	18.9	0.477	0.180	0.657	1981
1986	4.0	10.7	5.1	16.2	11.1	7.2	54.4	20.5	0.452	0.221	0.673	1986
1991	4.5	11.9	4.6	19.1	13.2	8.9	62.2	23.3	0.444	0.243	0.687	1991
1996	4.6	14.2	5.4	21.6	16.8	11.0	73.7	28.2	0.429	0.250	0.679	1996
2001	3.8	13.9	5.6	19.7	19.8	12.3	75.1	30.5	0.391	0.273	0.664	2001
2006	3.3	12.2	7.3	17.3	22.5	13.5	76.1	32.4	0.329	0.287	0.616	2006
2011	3.7	10.9	7.4	18.3	25.0	15.2	80.5	36.1	0.289	0.300	0.589	2011
2016	4.2	11.2	6.7	21.1	25.4	17.9	86.6	39.5	0.289	0.336	0.625	2016
2021	4.5	12.4	6.0	23.8	25.2	20.7	92.6	42.2	0.307	0.377	0.684	2021
2026	4.4	13.5	6.2	25.0	25.2	23.9	98.3	44.7	0.319	0.424	0.743	2026
2031	4.3	14.0	7.0	24.4	27.1	26.5	103.3	47.6	0.313	0.453	0.767	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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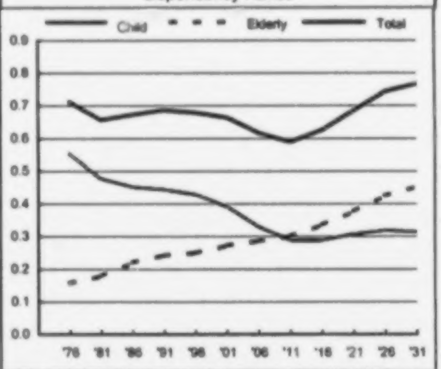


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

East Kootenay
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, Invermere, Kimberley, Radium Hot Springs, Sparwood

The East Kootenay region is one of the main centres of British Columbia's coal industry. The economy of the Fernie area, in particular, is driven by the coal industry with five major coal mines located there. As a result, the region is vulnerable to fluctuations in price and demand in the coal market, which are largely determined internationally. Company mergers have resulted in major lay offs at the Line Creek mine. The Sullivan lead-zinc mine in Kimberley was, until recently, the main economic activity for the Kimberley area, and forestry is the main activity in the Cranbrook and Windermere areas. The region is becoming increasingly popular for its recreational opportunities. Several large four season resorts are being built to address demand and many others have been proposed.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	East Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,032	2,336	155	68	21	2,580	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	146	161	4	5	0	170	6.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	19	18	2	1	5	26	1.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	4	6	1	0	0	7	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	355	350	13	3	0	366	14.2%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	80	84	8	6	4	102	4.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	77	90	9	2	1	102	4.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	193	318	22	16	1	357	13.8%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	96	120	8	1	1	130	5.0%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	11	22	5	0	0	27	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	87	44	8	2	0	54	2.1%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	271	106	2	2	0	110	4.3%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	175	174	5	2	0	181	7.0%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	99	25	1	0	0	26	1.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	83	135	1	2	0	138	5.3%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	19	14	1	1	3	19	0.7%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	15	158	16	9	2	185	7.2%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	48	60	10	4	1	75	2.9%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	120	247	34	9	2	292	11.3%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	134	190	2	0	0	192	7.4%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	14	3	3	1	21	0.8%	0.6%	878

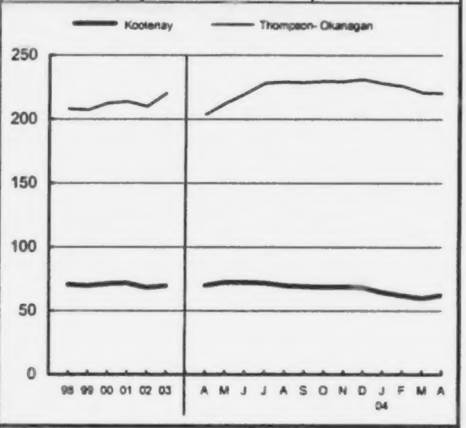
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

East Kootenay
Regional District

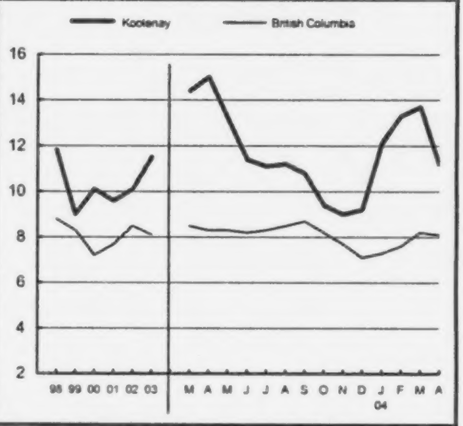
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay Emp ('000)	Kootenay Unemp. %	Thompson-Okanagan Emp. ('000)	Thompson-Okanagan Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	68.3	10.1	210.0	9.3	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	69.5	11.5	220.3	8.7	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	67.2	11.9	204.3	9.4	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	67.2	13.5	200.2	9.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	68.2	14.4	201.7	9.7	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	69.8	15.0	203.7	9.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	72.3	13.2	212.4	10.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	72.4	11.4	219.8	9.5	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	71.9	11.1	228.1	8.8	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	69.9	11.2	229.0	8.3	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	69.2	10.8	228.7	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	68.6	9.4	229.7	7.9	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	69.0	9.0	229.6	7.8	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	68.4	9.2	231.0	7.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	64.7	12.1	228.1	7.6	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	62.0	13.3	225.8	7.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	59.8	13.7	221.0	8.0	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	62.1	11.2	220.5	7.8	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	69.2	14.0	202.1	10.1	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	61.0	12.7	221.0	7.9	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-11.9		9.3		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



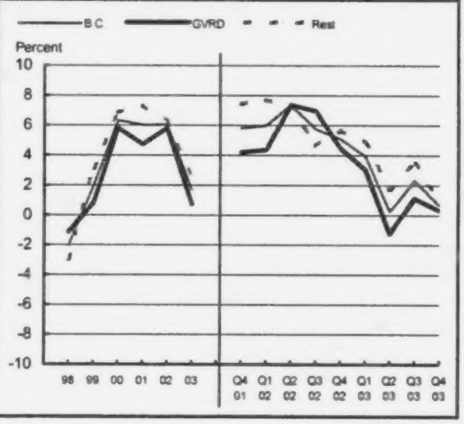
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

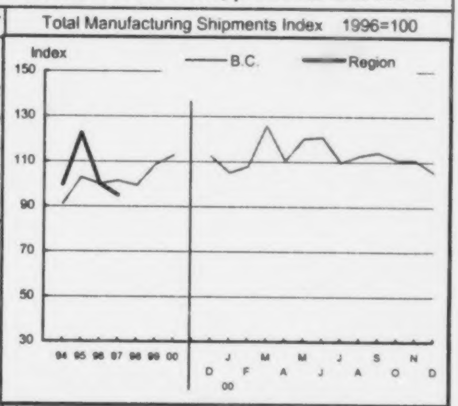


East Kootenay
Regional District

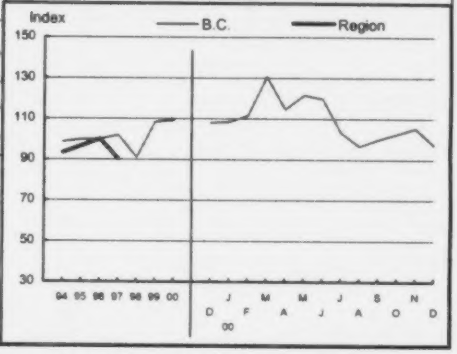
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	2	2
25	Wood	21	21	19	20	20
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	14	13	12	13	13
30	Metal Fabricating	4	4	4	4	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42	43	50	54	54
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	323.1	356.4	**	382.7	345.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	293.0	322.5	351.3	340.8	331.0
30	Metal Fabricating	2.7	3.7	**	5.3	4.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	409.1	506.7	623.5	509.0	482.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,225	1,512	**	1,440	1,165
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,134	1,359	1,196	1,265	1,093
30	Metal Fabricating	28	30	**	39	70
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,726	2,062	1,989	2,058	1,856
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	54.0	66.5	**	66.4	63.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	49.1	61.0	60.6	59.5	60.9
30	Metal Fabricating	1.1	1.2	**	1.6	2.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	75.8	91.4	99.4	97.4	98.2

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

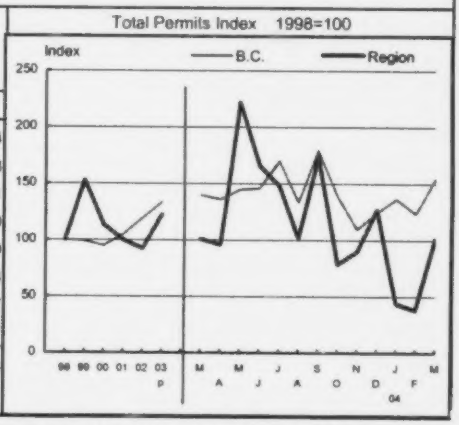


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	70.9	15.2	1.8	87.3	2.4	55.8	634
1997	75.2	29.8	2.4	79.9	17.5	45.4	408
1998	92.9	25.8	1.1	63.3	6.6	67.1	711
1999	142.1	57.8	4.0	46.5	5.4	84.4	710
2000	105.6	32.3	4.7	34.7	1.6	73.3	619
2001	92.9	32.6	3.4	33.2	19.1	60.4	418
2002	85.9	15.9	1.4	41.1	2.4	70.0	477
2003 p	113.9	24.8	2.4	33.3	6.8	89.2	567
YTD Mar '03	20.9	1.7	0.6	3.1	0.5	19.2	143
YTD Mar '04	14.1	2.8	0.2	2.0	0.6	11.4	61

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

East Kootenay
Regional District

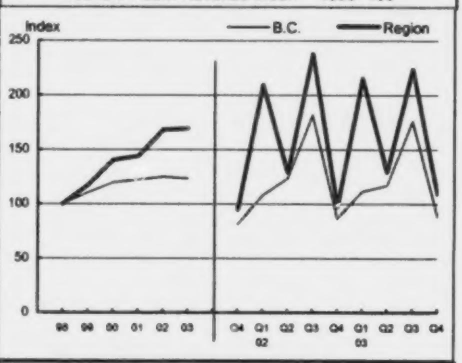
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
East Kootenay Regional District	1999	34,221.8	8,733.4	7,186.0	13,150.4	5,152.0
	2000	41,033.0	10,921.9	8,511.9	15,050.2	6,549.0
	2001	42,000.0	11,334.5	8,228.6	15,519.2	6,917.7
	2002	49,154.8	15,274.7	9,402.3	17,364.5	7,113.3
	2003	49,415.6	15,735.4	9,420.4	16,316.0	7,943.8
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	49,415.6	100.0%
Hotels	15,888.3	32.2%
Motels	10,560.9	21.4%
Vacation Rentals	9,733.9	19.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

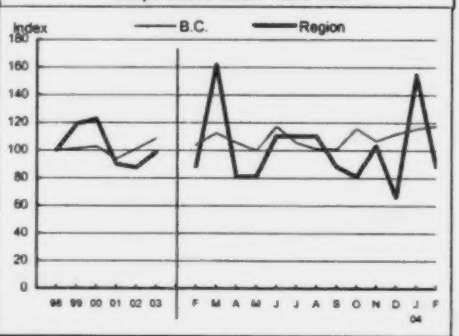


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	219
1997	165
1998	163
1999	194
2000	200
2001	147
2002	143
2003	161
Jan-Feb 03	26
Jan-Feb 04	33

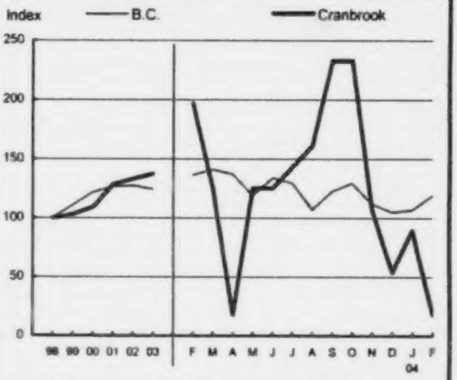
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



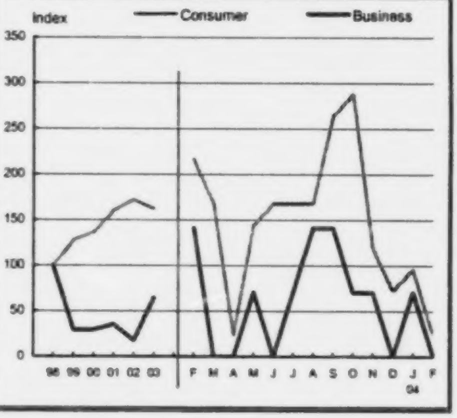
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	64	5	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	15	3	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	5	1	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Sep '01	4.6	7.3	5.8	3.5	2.5
	Dec '01	4.6	6.8	6.4	3.6	2.3
	Mar '02	4.5	6.9	5.8	3.6	2.2
	Jun '02	3.5	5.3	4.2	2.8	1.8
	Sep '02	2.8	4.3	3.1	2.2	1.4
	Dec '02	2.5	3.8	2.7	2.0	1.3
	Mar '03	2.6	4.0	2.8	2.2	1.4
	Jun '03	2.4	3.9	2.7	2.0	1.3
	Sep '03	2.2	3.8	2.5	1.7	1.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

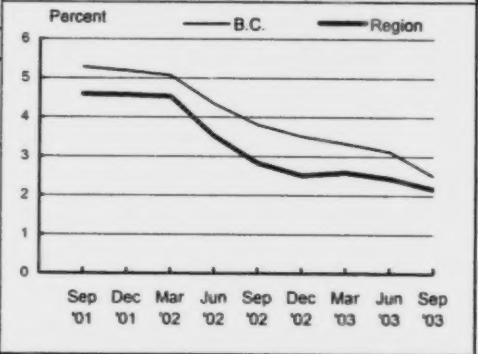
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
	2.9	3.2	3.3	1.1	Sep '01
	4.7	5.7	5.1	2.0	Dec '01
	5.0	5.3	5.6	2.6	Mar '02
	3.7	4.1	4.2	1.6	Jun '02
	3.1	3.0	3.6	1.4	Sep '02
	4.9	5.4	5.5	2.6	Dec '02
	5.2	5.3	5.7	3.0	Mar '03
	4.4	3.9	5.0	2.5	Jun '03
	3.5	3.0	4.1	1.8	Sep '03

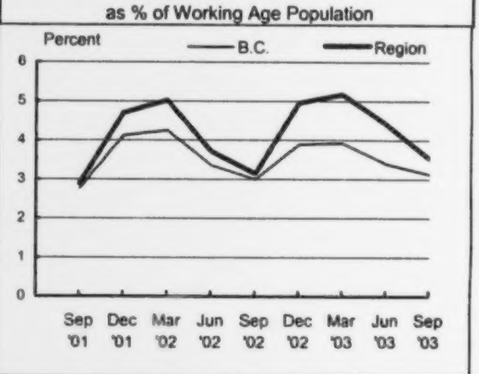
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,108	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	64.7	46.1
1-2 Years	11.8	14.9
>2 Years	23.5	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

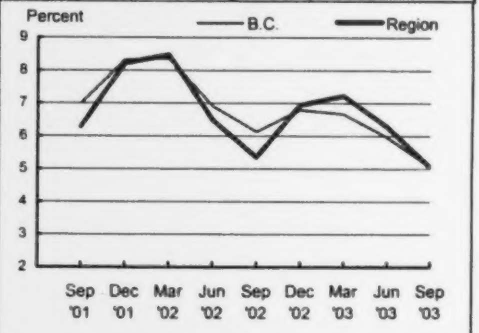
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Sep '01	6.3	8.8	6.6	3.0
	Dec '01	8.2	11.8	8.5	4.1
	Mar '02	8.5	10.8	9.0	4.5
	Jun '02	6.5	8.2	6.9	3.4
	Sep '02	5.4	6.0	5.8	3.1
	Dec '02	6.9	8.0	7.5	4.1
	Mar '03	7.2	8.0	7.9	4.3
	Jun '03	6.3	6.4	7.0	3.7
	Sep '03	5.1	5.3	5.7	2.4

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



East Kootenay
Regional District

13 Demographics

The median age of the region's population is slightly higher than the provincial median, and the proportion of children in the regional population is similar to the province as a whole. The gender ratio is weighted in favour of males, likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. Since men tend to have a shorter life expectancy than women do, it is not surprising that the median age of death in this region is lower than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The closure fo the Sullivan mine will likely continue to have a significant impact on the employment base of the area during for the next several years. Increasing productivity will likely result in more layoffs in the coal industry. Subsequent out-migration will likely be mitigated by increased construction activity and the development of four season resorts.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

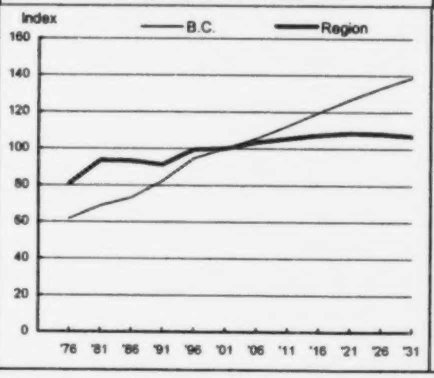
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	12.4	6.3	13.5	8.3	2.9	47.6	14.9	0.594	0.103	0.697	1976
1981	4.8	12.5	7.6	17.7	8.9	3.6	55.1	18.5	0.507	0.106	0.613	1981
1986	4.4	12.1	5.7	18.7	9.5	4.4	54.9	19.7	0.484	0.131	0.615	1986
1991	3.7	11.2	4.9	18.0	10.6	5.4	53.7	20.1	0.443	0.161	0.604	1991
1996	3.6	11.5	5.3	18.4	13.4	6.5	58.6	22.6	0.406	0.174	0.580	1996
2001	3.0	10.4	5.3	16.9	16.1	7.3	58.9	24.2	0.351	0.190	0.541	2001
2006	2.4	9.3	6.1	15.9	18.9	8.4	61.0	26.5	0.286	0.206	0.492	2006
2011	2.5	7.9	5.5	16.1	20.4	9.9	62.1	28.6	0.246	0.235	0.481	2011
2016	2.6	7.1	4.9	16.6	19.9	12.2	63.3	30.3	0.235	0.295	0.530	2016
2021	2.5	7.1	4.0	16.8	18.7	14.7	63.9	31.2	0.242	0.372	0.614	2021
2026	2.3	7.1	3.6	16.2	17.5	17.0	63.8	31.3	0.253	0.454	0.707	2026
2031	2.1	6.9	3.7	14.3	17.7	18.3	63.0	31.4	0.251	0.512	0.763	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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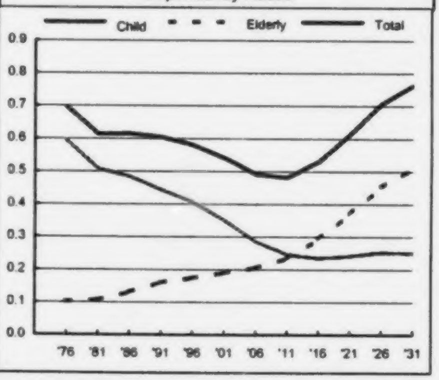


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Mackenzie, McBride, Prince George, Valemount

Forestry is by far the main economic driver for this region, with tourism playing a lesser, though still important, role. Developments in the forest sector will likely drive growth in this region in the future. This area is home to many pulp mills and sawmills and it is crucial that the timber supply to this area is sustained if it is to maintain its job base. There have been some mill closures in the last couple of years in this area and there will likely be some population impacts as a result. Prince George is the main service centre of the northern interior of the province and the service sector is particularly important to the city's economy. Positioned at the junction to the North to Alaska, the South to Vancouver, the East to Alberta and the West to Prince Rupert, Prince George experiences a great deal of activity. As well, it is home to the University of Northern British Columbia.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser-Fort George							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Em-ployees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,508	3,264	298	146	31	3,739	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	547	400	30	15	2	447	12.0%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	12	6	2	0	0	8	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	2	1	0	0	3	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	517	395	29	20	0	444	11.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	119	113	19	18	13	163	4.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	105	149	20	9	0	178	4.8%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	201	336	36	23	3	398	10.6%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	382	290	15	10	1	316	8.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	23	18	8	2	0	28	0.7%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	133	69	10	4	0	83	2.2%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	415	138	8	4	1	151	4.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	331	278	16	5	0	299	8.0%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	188	44	4	0	0	48	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	118	130	12	5	2	149	4.0%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	20	24	1	0	3	28	0.7%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	29	283	27	6	4	320	8.6%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	39	51	3	2	1	57	1.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	100	181	41	19	0	241	6.4%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	229	342	14	1	0	357	9.5%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	15	2	3	1	21	0.6%	0.6%	878

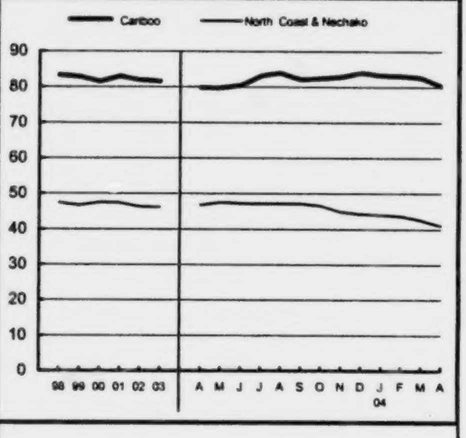
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

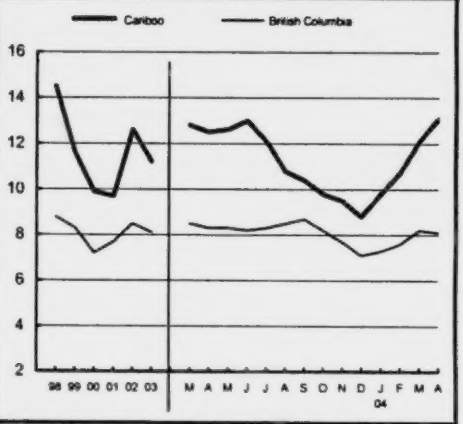
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2001	83.0	9.7	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
2002	81.9	12.6	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
2003	81.6	11.2	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003 Jan	78.4	13.1	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
Feb	79.2	13.0	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
Mar	79.9	12.8	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
Apr	79.8	12.5	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
May	79.7	12.6	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
Jun	80.4	13.0	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
Jul	83.1	12.1	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
Aug	83.9	10.8	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
Sep	82.1	10.4	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
Oct	82.4	9.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
Nov	82.9	9.5	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
Dec	84.0	8.8	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004 Jan	83.3	9.8	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
Feb	83.1	10.7	43.7	13.4	2,029.3	7.6
Mar	82.6	12.1	42.6	13.0	2,014.5	8.2
Apr	80.3	13.1	41.0	13.9	2,011.8	8.1
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Apr03	79.1	12.9	46.3	11.2	1,977.0	8.5
Jan-Apr04	81.1	12.8	41.9	13.9	2,015.1	8.1
% Change	2.5		-9.7		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



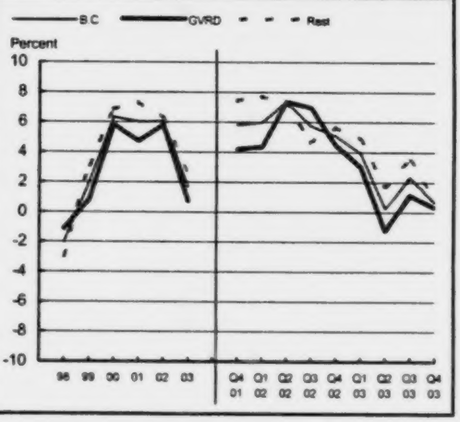
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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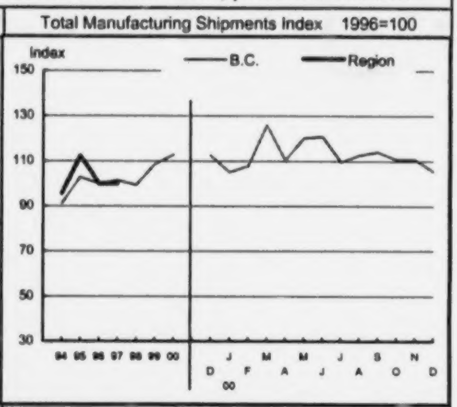
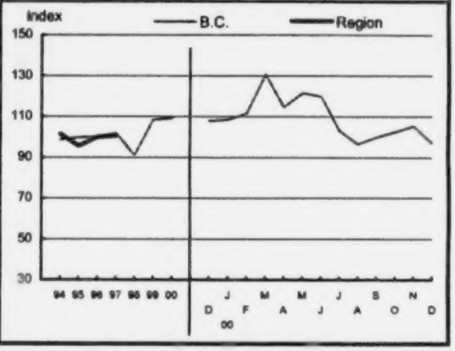
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	3	3	3
25	Wood	37	36	36	38	38
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	25	24	23	23	24
30	Metal Fabricating	20	20	20	21	23
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	104	100	102	113	112
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,120.6	1,402.1	1,322.0	1,382.4	1,389.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,010.3	1,279.2	1,199.9	1,270.9	1,270.4
30	Metal Fabricating	27.4	40.4	41.8	55.6	54.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,811.5	2,365.8	2,780.1	2,476.7	2,476.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	4,223	4,728	4,312	3,761	4,082
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3,582	4,011	3,640	3,130	3,323
30	Metal Fabricating	238	278	284	343	468
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	7,191	7,960	7,551	6,993	7,441
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	183.7	212.2	207.0	188.4	202.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	160.1	186.2	180.5	164.2	176.5
30	Metal Fabricating	8.7	11.4	12.4	13.4	18.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	326.1	384.6	386.6	372.7	389.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

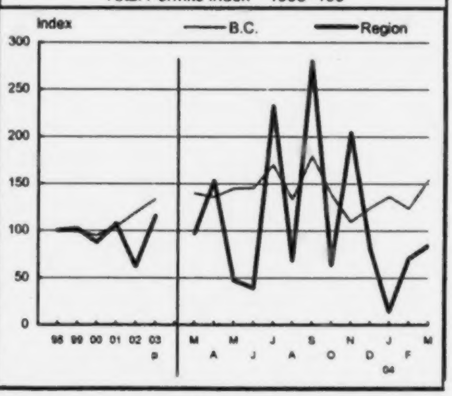


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	117.5	42.1	11.0	33.1	11.4	75.3	705
1997	136.8	67.6	8.5	41.3	1.5	69.1	604
1998	76.3	21.6	2.4	34.7	7.6	54.7	517
1999	77.9	43.5	8.4	26.1	28.8	34.5	244
2000	67.1	45.9	5.9	23.0	27.1	21.2	146
2001	82.0	64.8	1.0	17.8	52.9	17.2	95
2002	47.5	30.2	6.6	24.3	5.8	17.2	109
2003 p	88.1	68.7	2.5	16.1	19.8	19.4	117
YTD Mar '03	13.7	10.6	0.1	1.5	0.5	3.1	16
YTD Mar '04	10.7	6.5	0.8	1.7	0.0	4.2	27

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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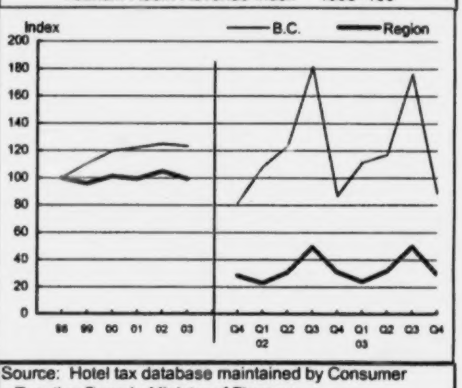
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	8,929.4	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	1,955.3
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	26,210.1	100.0%
Hotels	18,573.9	70.9%
Motels	6,695.3	25.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

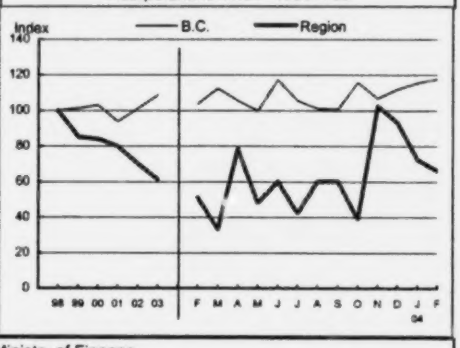


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	426
1997	444
1998	398
1999	339
2000	335
2001	318
2002	280
2003	244
Jan-Feb 03	39
Jan-Feb 04	46

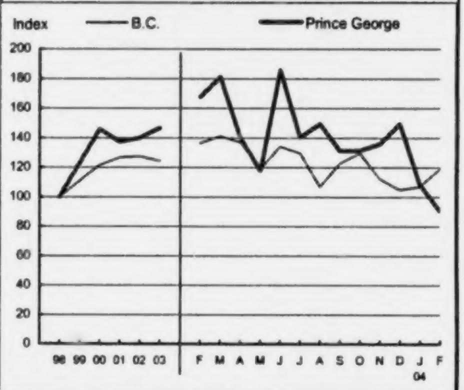
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



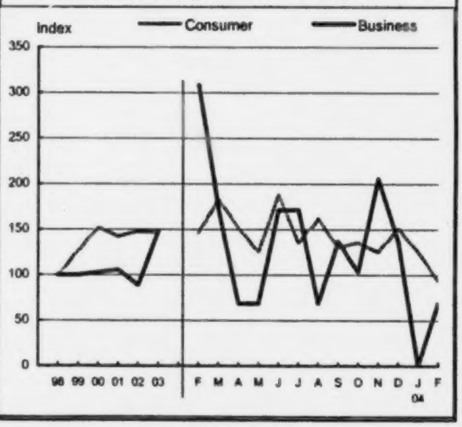
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	291	35	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	350	36	983	148	9,184	980
2001	327	37	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	340	31	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	337	52	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	52	14	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	42	2	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince George Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

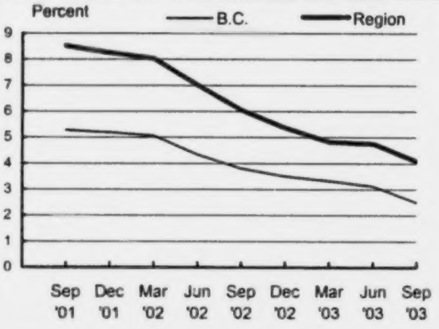
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Sep '01	8.5	11.5	12.9	6.8	4.7
	Dec '01	8.3	10.9	12.8	6.6	4.3
	Mar '02	8.0	10.8	11.8	6.6	4.2
	Jun '02	7.0	9.5	9.6	5.8	3.8
	Sep '02	6.1	8.1	8.1	5.1	3.2
	Dec '02	5.4	7.1	6.6	4.6	2.8
	Mar '03	4.8	6.4	5.6	4.2	2.3
	Jun '03	4.8	6.4	5.7	4.1	2.4
	Sep '03	4.1	5.8	5.2	3.4	2.2

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,728	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.4	46.1
1-2 Years	16.5	14.9
>2 Years	36.1	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



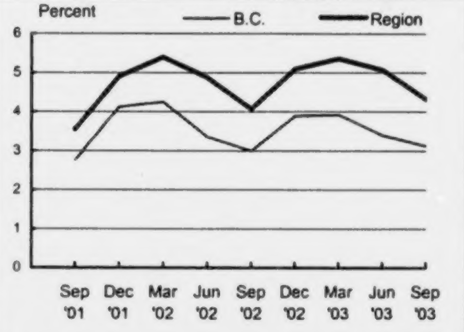
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
	3.5	3.9	3.8	1.9	Sep '01
	4.9	5.4	5.2	2.9	Dec '01
	5.4	6.2	5.7	3.0	Mar '02
	4.9	4.6	5.3	2.9	Jun '02
	4.1	4.1	4.4	2.3	Sep '02
	5.1	5.3	5.4	3.1	Dec '02
	5.4	5.9	5.8	2.9	Mar '03
	5.1	4.9	5.5	3.0	Jun '03
	4.3	4.3	4.7	2.4	Sep '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

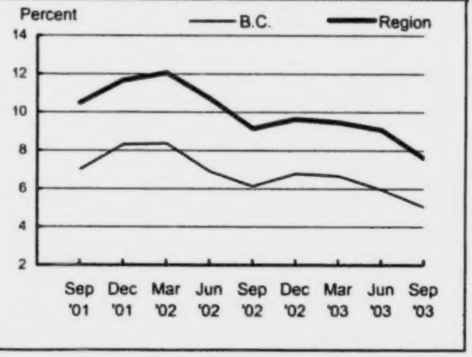
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Sep '01	10.5	16.3	10.3	5.4
	Dec '01	11.7	17.7	11.5	6.5
	Mar '02	12.1	17.7	12.1	6.2
	Jun '02	10.7	14.0	11.0	6.1
	Sep '02	9.1	12.1	9.4	5.2
	Dec '02	9.6	11.8	10.0	5.9
	Mar '03	9.5	11.3	10.0	5.4
	Jun '03	9.1	10.5	9.6	5.4
	Sep '03	7.6	9.4	8.1	3.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

13 Demographics

The downturn in the forest sector in the mid-eighties and early nineties was responsible for much of the net out-migration from the area at that time. In the mid-nineties the area received large net inflows of migrants. The median age of the population in this area is lower than the provincial median, and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is higher than the provincial ratio. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. The dependence on the forest sector and the male-dominated employment in the industry is likely the reason for the gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males.

14 Projection

Although forestry is the main economic driver, the economy of this area is sufficiently diversified such that it can expect to continue to receive net migration inflows over most of the projection period with the exception of the short-term. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) is expected to be positive until the later portion of the projection period, which means the area will continue to experience overall positive growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

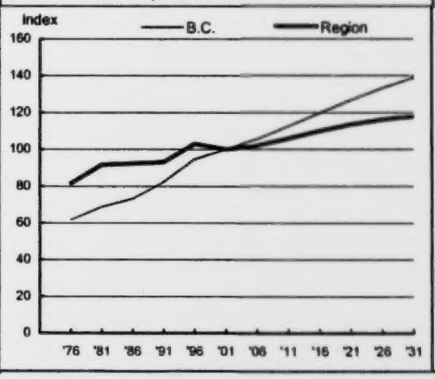
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.3	22.9	11.9	25.9	10.4	2.3	81.7	23.7	0.649	0.047	0.696	1976
1981	8.8	22.6	13.9	31.6	12.3	2.8	91.9	29.1	0.544	0.048	0.592	1981
1986	8.4	21.3	11.7	33.3	14.3	3.6	92.5	31.0	0.501	0.060	0.561	1986
1991	7.8	20.7	10.1	33.9	16.4	4.5	93.3	32.0	0.471	0.075	0.546	1991
1996	7.6	22.0	11.1	36.5	20.3	5.8	103.2	36.3	0.436	0.085	0.521	1996
2001	6.1	20.0	10.3	32.8	24.0	7.1	100.2	38.0	0.388	0.106	0.494	2001
2006	5.0	18.0	10.8	31.0	28.5	8.7	102.1	41.2	0.328	0.124	0.452	2006
2011	5.5	15.9	10.3	31.5	31.7	11.1	106.0	45.0	0.291	0.150	0.442	2011
2016	5.8	15.0	9.7	32.5	32.5	14.5	110.2	48.5	0.279	0.194	0.473	2016
2021	5.8	15.5	8.4	33.6	32.2	18.3	113.8	50.8	0.287	0.246	0.533	2021
2026	5.6	16.2	7.9	33.4	31.8	21.7	116.5	52.0	0.299	0.297	0.596	2026
2031	5.3	16.1	8.6	31.4	32.5	24.3	118.2	53.3	0.296	0.335	0.631	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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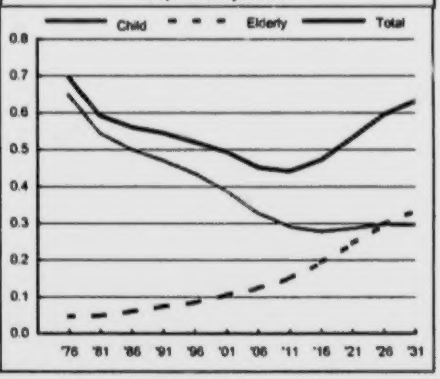


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Fraser Valley
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, Kent, Mission

In the areas of the Fraser Valley furthest from Vancouver, agriculture and forestry are the main economic activities. For the areas closer to Vancouver, the industrial base of Greater Vancouver is the main stimulus for the economy. The agreement by the municipalities in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) on a Livable Region Strategic Plan will have consequences for this region. As the GVRD begins to put the infrastructure in place to promote its Growth Concentration Area, the recent trend of growth moving out into the Valley will likely slow considerably. Growth rates experienced in the last decade will be substantially higher than those experienced in the next.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	8,696	7,308	623	271	38	8,240	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	915	1,035	65	32	1	1,133	13.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	15	16	1	0	0	17	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	8	2	1	2	0	5	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	1,908	1,061	67	15	1	1,144	13.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	323	381	63	44	4	492	6.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	377	308	39	13	0	360	4.4%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	581	763	80	30	9	882	10.7%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	622	409	21	10	2	442	5.4%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	62	38	8	3	0	49	0.6%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	339	187	15	15	2	219	2.7%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	996	267	28	8	0	303	3.7%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	780	560	23	7	0	590	7.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	426	125	17	6	0	148	1.8%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	381	335	25	10	0	370	4.5%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	78	64	10	7	4	85	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	72	555	42	24	7	628	7.6%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	105	106	10	4	0	120	1.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	201	401	70	31	2	504	6.1%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	507	657	32	7	2	698	8.5%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	38	6	3	4	51	0.6%	0.6%	878

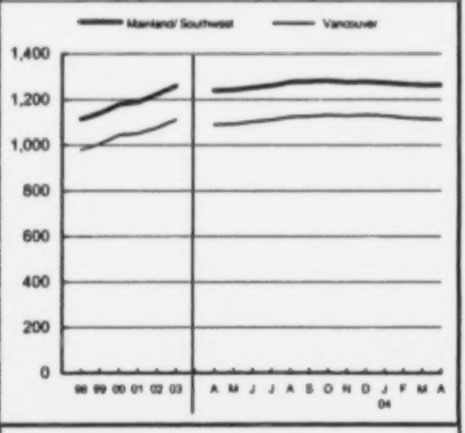
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Fraser Valley
Regional District

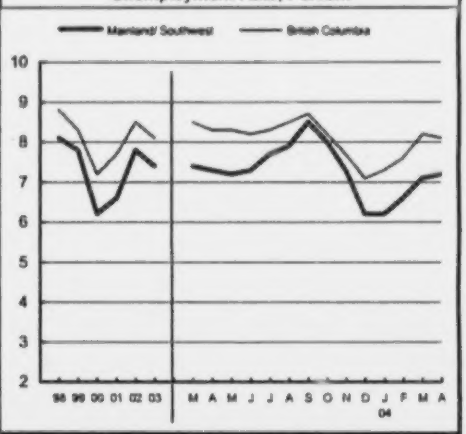
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	1,221.6	7.8	1,076.2	7.8	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	1,258.6	7.4	1,110.8	7.3	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	1,236.1	7.6	1,090.1	7.6	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	1,229.7	7.6	1,084.0	7.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	1,228.7	7.4	1,083.4	7.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	1,238.0	7.3	1,089.9	7.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	1,240.6	7.2	1,092.1	7.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	1,250.7	7.3	1,102.0	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	1,259.8	7.7	1,110.2	7.7	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	1,275.8	7.9	1,123.8	8.0	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	1,278.3	8.5	1,125.8	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	1,281.5	8.0	1,131.3	8.0	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	1,275.4	7.3	1,129.3	7.2	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	1,276.7	6.2	1,131.9	6.1	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	1,272.6	6.2	1,128.5	6.1	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	1,266.6	6.6	1,120.1	6.5	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	1,263.1	7.1	1,116.2	7.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	1,262.6	7.2	1,113.8	7.3	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	1,233.3	7.4	1,086.7	7.4	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	1,264.8	7.1	1,117.1	7.2	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	2.6		2.8		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



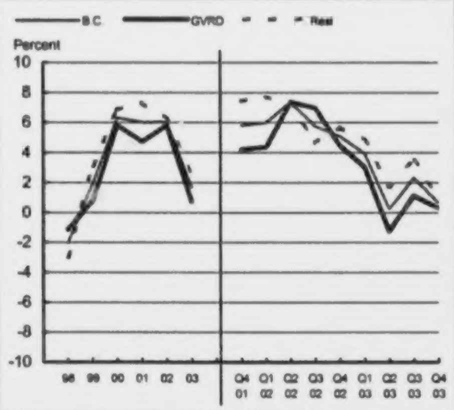
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

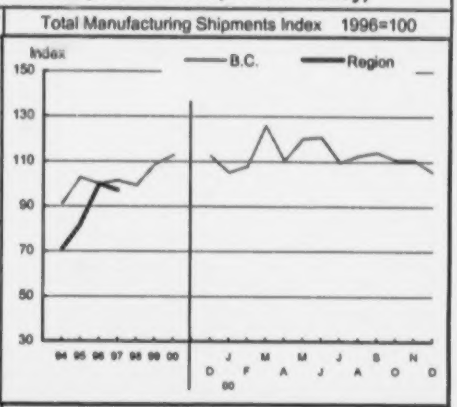


Fraser Valley
Regional District

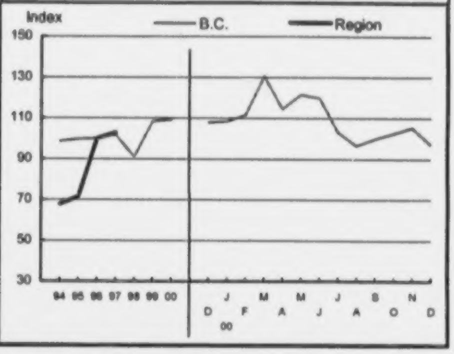
5 Manufacturing (to 1995, Central Fraser Valley + Fraser-Cheam; 1996 & later, Fraser Valley)

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	31	29	27	33	29
25	Wood	39	36	33	54	52
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8	8	7	9	8
30	Metal Fabricating	10	11	14	26	22
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	153	143	156	214	203
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	401.9	388.6	445.3	447.6	432.1
25	Wood	234.1	277.0	292.5	409.3	420.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	69.6	93.6	**	81.0	84.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	74.1	69.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	843.3	885.3	1,027.6	1,249.4	1,212.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	1,742	1,697	1,525	1,458	1,301
25	Wood	1,654	1,589	1,487	1,836	1,862
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	364	455	**	409	352
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	408	369
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	5,218	4,963	5,124	6,121	5,882
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	55.7	56.2	51.8	53.6	47.5
25	Wood	52.0	54.3	55.4	69.6	69.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	13.7	17.4	**	15.7	14.7
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	15.7	14.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	169.4	169.4	182.1	218.4	207.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

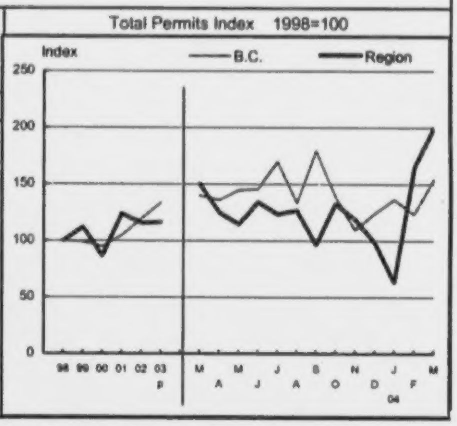


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	232.7	95.9	20.2	3,651.6	21.0	136.8	1,475
1997	256.8	99.6	18.0	3,316.2	18.8	157.2	2,562
1998	238.0	110.5	26.9	2,859.8	14.2	127.5	1,614
1999	266.7	162.7	55.4	2,643.5	33.5	104.1	1,003
2000	205.5	113.5	44.3	2,736.8	28.0	92.0	696
2001	294.5	193.4	43.8	2,983.1	85.5	101.1	859
2002	274.9	84.1	28.7	3,585.3	27.5	190.7	1,690
2003 p	277.1	87.1	29.1	3,662.4	16.0	190.0	1,670
YTD Mar '03	64.8	22.6	4.9	754.7	2.9	42.2	383
YTD Mar '04	84.8	28.7	17.7	1,037.3	6.5	56.1	504

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
BREAK IN SERIES: data are for former Fraser-Cheam RD through 1996; for 1997 onwards, data are for Fraser Valley RD

Fraser Valley
Regional District

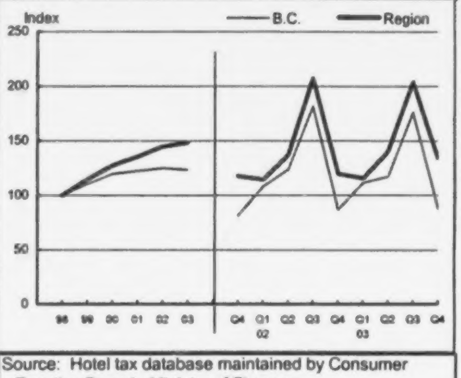
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser Valley Regional District	1999	28,460.7	5,274.9	6,700.9	10,507.8	5,977.1
	2000	31,592.0	5,925.3	7,813.0	11,690.5	6,163.2
	2001	33,653.7	6,212.9	7,897.8	12,237.6	7,305.5
	2002	35,914.8	7,119.9	8,510.7	12,857.5	7,426.8
	2003	36,880.7	7,182.0	8,712.5	12,658.5	8,327.6
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	36,880.7	100.0%
Hotels	26,743.1	72.5%
1-75 Rooms	3,914.6	10.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

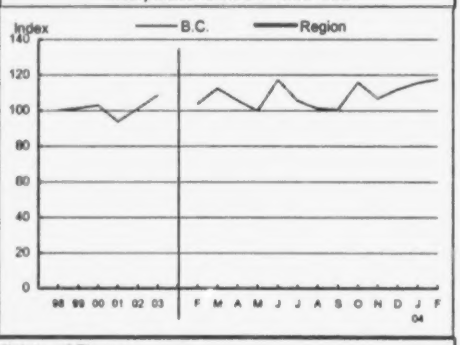


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	#N/A
1997	#N/A
1998	#N/A
1999	#N/A
2000	832
2001	736
2002	783
2003	985
Jan-Feb 03	181
Jan-Feb 04	108

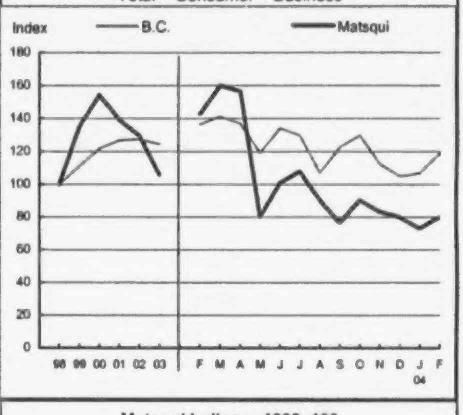
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



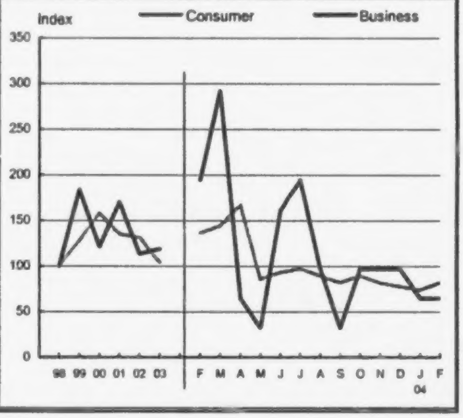
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Matsqui		Chilliwack		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	397	68	193	24	8,181	1,077
2000	487	45	213	22	9,184	980
2001	417	63	210	28	9,476	1,101
2002	405	42	163	37	9,531	1,107
2003	321	44	184	21	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	62	8	30	8	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	40	4	30	1	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Matsqui Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Sep '01	6.0	8.2	6.7	5.0	3.5
	Dec '01	5.8	7.8	6.7	5.0	3.3
	Mar '02	5.6	7.6	6.1	4.9	3.1
	Jun '02	4.8	6.4	4.7	4.2	2.7
	Sep '02	4.2	5.6	4.2	3.7	2.4
	Dec '02	3.9	5.1	3.8	3.5	2.2
	Mar '03	3.7	4.9	3.4	3.3	2.0
	Jun '03	3.4	4.6	3.3	3.1	1.9
	Sep '03	2.8	4.2	2.9	2.4	1.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

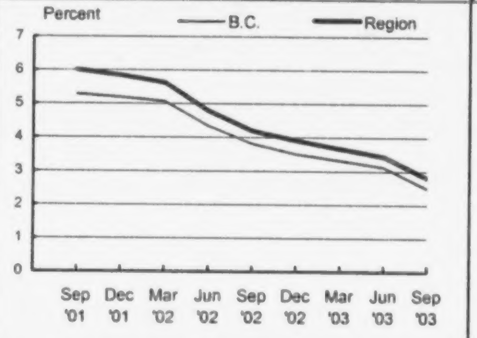
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	3.8	3.4	1.4	Sep '01
5.3	5.6	5.4	4.5	Dec '01
4.9	5.1	5.1	3.6	Mar '02
3.8	4.0	4.2	2.2	Jun '02
3.6	3.7	3.9	1.6	Sep '02
4.9	4.6	5.2	4.1	Dec '02
4.9	4.6	5.3	3.8	Mar '03
4.0	4.2	4.3	2.7	Jun '03
3.8	3.9	4.1	2.0	Sep '03

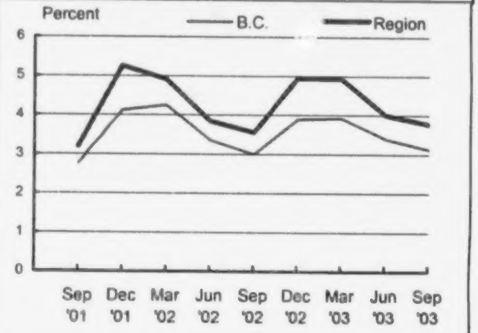
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	6,100	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.5	46.1
1-2 Years	15.1	14.9
>2 Years	36.4	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

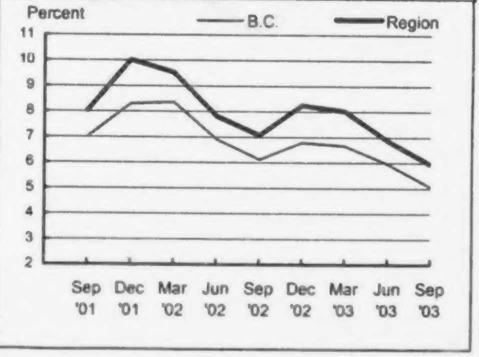
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Sep '01	8.0	10.3	8.3	4.5
	Dec '01	10.0	11.9	10.2	7.5
	Mar '02	9.5	11.0	9.9	6.5
	Jun '02	7.8	8.6	8.3	4.9
	Sep '02	7.1	7.8	7.6	4.0
	Dec '02	8.3	8.3	8.6	6.5
	Mar '03	8.0	7.9	8.5	6.0
	Jun '03	6.9	7.4	7.3	4.6
	Sep '03	5.9	6.8	6.5	2.9

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Although this region is still far more rural than the neighbouring GVRD, the population density is four times that of the province as a whole. The more rural nature of the region is one of the reasons for the substantially higher total fertility rate compared to the provincial rate. As a result, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. The elderly dependance ratio is higher than the provincial average while the median age of death is slightly lower.

14 Projection

Net migration to this region has been high in the last couple of decades, and this will likely continue to be the case in the future, due to the large availability of land. However, growth should be tempered as a result of the GVRD's Livable Region Strategic Plan, which attempts to make more efficient use of land in the Growth Concentration Area and draw more people into urban Vancouver. Despite this, the combination of continued high natural increase and substantial inflows of migrants will likely result in strong population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

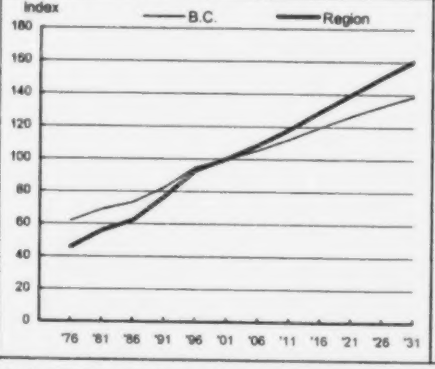
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.5	28.0	14.5	28.3	22.1	12.0	113.4	35.5	0.562	0.185	0.748	1976
1981	11.2	29.2	17.8	38.7	26.0	16.1	139.1	46.8	0.490	0.195	0.685	1981
1986	12.5	30.4	17.2	46.4	28.5	20.0	155.1	55.7	0.466	0.217	0.683	1986
1991	15.2	36.9	16.9	60.1	35.4	26.7	191.1	67.0	0.463	0.238	0.701	1991
1996	17.6	45.2	20.4	72.4	44.7	31.1	231.4	82.1	0.457	0.226	0.683	1996
2001	15.9	48.2	23.0	73.6	54.1	34.2	249.0	91.9	0.426	0.227	0.653	2001
2006	15.9	48.2	26.3	76.4	66.2	37.5	270.5	102.6	0.379	0.222	0.601	2006
2011	17.2	47.8	27.5	81.7	78.8	41.7	294.7	115.5	0.346	0.222	0.567	2011
2016	18.3	49.1	28.5	89.4	87.4	49.1	321.8	129.7	0.328	0.239	0.567	2016
2021	19.2	52.4	27.2	98.0	93.5	57.9	348.3	142.2	0.327	0.265	0.592	2021
2026	19.8	55.4	28.5	103.1	99.1	68.6	374.6	154.4	0.326	0.297	0.623	2026
2031	20.2	57.7	30.5	105.7	105.6	79.9	399.6	166.9	0.322	0.331	0.653	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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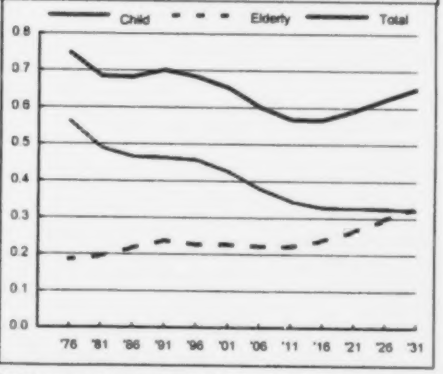

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Greater Vancouver
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Anmore, Belcarra, Bowen Island, Burnaby, City of Langley, Coquitlam, Delta, Langley DM, Lions Bay, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, North Vancouver City, North Vancouver DM, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, Vancouver, West Vancouver, White Rock

The delta of the Fraser River and the access to the ocean have made this region home to the largest number of people in the province. Manufacturing, trade, and service activity in the Vancouver area are the main economic activities for the region as a whole. Areas in the region outside of metro Vancouver are mainly residential and industrial suburbs. The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan. This plan designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. This plan is certain to affect the growth patterns of this and neighbouring regions.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	the new Greater Vancouver RD							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	97,570	69,752	6,796	3,532	699	80,779	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,598	1,052	132	66	8	1,258	1.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	533	208	21	15	3	247	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	47	36	6	5	7	54	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	13,564	6,764	549	240	28	7,581	9.4%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	2,995	3,537	663	469	102	4,771	5.9%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	5,398	6,104	667	289	29	7,089	8.8%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	5,854	7,420	745	376	84	8,625	10.7%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	4,162	2,925	244	147	48	3,364	4.2%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2,340	1,363	156	98	29	1,646	2.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	6,742	2,709	346	151	37	3,243	4.0%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13,724	3,630	292	144	16	4,082	5.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	18,154	10,229	648	266	39	11,182	13.8%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	6,406	1,678	145	93	10	1,926	2.4%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	4,789	3,734	356	160	39	4,289	5.3%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	925	989	117	52	27	1,185	1.5%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,104	6,156	438	218	71	6,883	8.5%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,109	1,104	91	89	17	1,301	1.6%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	2,556	4,196	868	529	39	5,632	7.0%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	4,568	5,855	302	108	28	6,293	7.8%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	2	63	10	17	38	128	0.2%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division. Langley City and District Municipality are included in Greater Vancouver.

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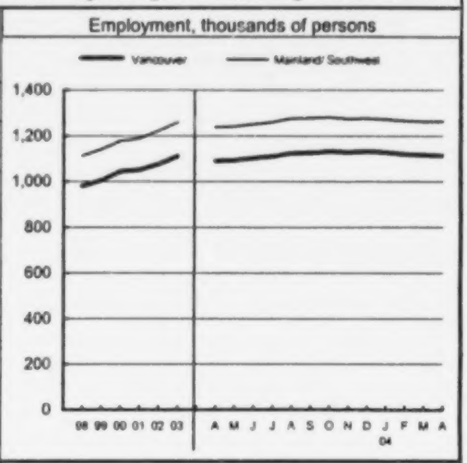
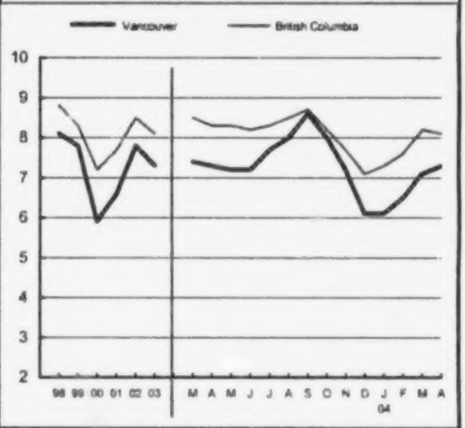
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver		Mainland/ Southwest		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1994		908.9	8.6	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
1995		929.6	7.9	1,055.8	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		948.6	8.0	1,073.4	8.3	1,821.2	8.7
1997		971.3	8.3	1,104.0	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		979.6	8.1	1,113.4	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,005.4	7.8	1,140.1	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,044.5	5.9	1,177.9	6.2	1,949.1	7.2
2001		1,051.1	6.6	1,187.9	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
2002		1,076.2	7.8	1,221.6	7.8	1,973.4	8.5
2003		1,110.8	7.3	1,258.6	7.4	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	1,090.1	7.6	1,236.1	7.6	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	1,084.0	7.6	1,229.7	7.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	1,083.4	7.4	1,228.7	7.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	1,089.9	7.3	1,238.0	7.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	1,092.1	7.2	1,240.6	7.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	1,102.0	7.2	1,250.7	7.3	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	1,110.2	7.7	1,259.8	7.7	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	1,123.8	8.0	1,275.8	7.9	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	1,125.8	8.6	1,278.3	8.5	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	1,131.3	8.0	1,281.5	8.0	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	1,129.3	7.2	1,275.4	7.3	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	1,131.9	6.1	1,276.7	6.2	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	1,128.5	6.1	1,272.6	6.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	1,120.1	6.5	1,266.6	6.6	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	1,116.2	7.1	1,263.1	7.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	1,113.8	7.3	1,262.6	7.2	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	1,086.7	7.4	1,233.3	7.4	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	1,117.1	7.2	1,264.8	7.1	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	2.8		2.6		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



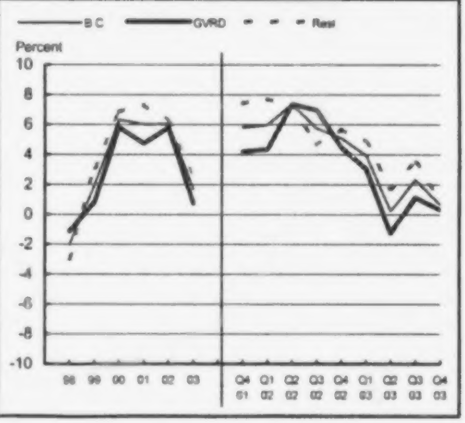
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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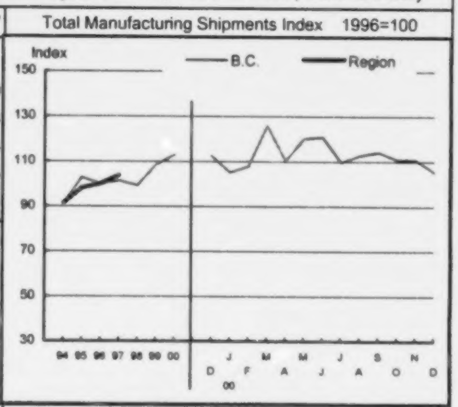
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics (to 1995, old GVRD + Dewdney-Alouette; 1996 & later, new GVRD)

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	190	182	188	207	210
25	Wood	227	223	224	245	233
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	66	65	66	67	68
30	Metal Fabricating	336	331	355	409	405
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,266	2,187	2,415	2,665	2,574
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	2,367.6	2,450.1	2,527.8	2,465.5	2,579.5
25	Wood	2,380.5	2,537.1	2,591.2	2,490.8	2,586.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,759.7	1,816.5	1,837.1	1,870.1
30	Metal Fabricating	1,020.8	1,110.7	1,193.4	1,291.4	1,386.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	12,768.1	13,691.6	14,707.3	14,982.9	15,564.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	11,228	11,729	12,646	11,828	11,824
25	Wood	11,517	12,053	12,036	10,611	10,940
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	7,200	7,295	6,414	6,482
30	Metal Fabricating	7,638	7,916	8,119	7,765	8,531
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	74,676	78,292	80,398	77,890	82,741
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	370.2	397.5	421.8	389.0	387.9
25	Wood	433.5	488.8	511.3	465.5	472.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	315.5	334.4	314.8	309.0
30	Metal Fabricating	277.5	300.3	307.3	311.2	343.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,644.5	2,968.9	3,138.0	3,043.0	3,218.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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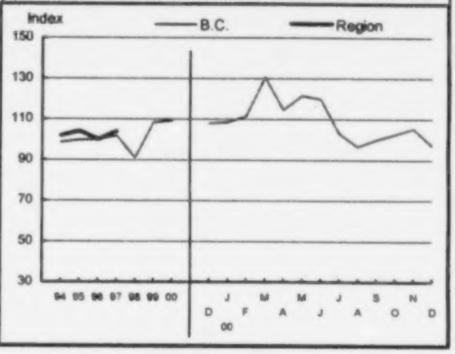
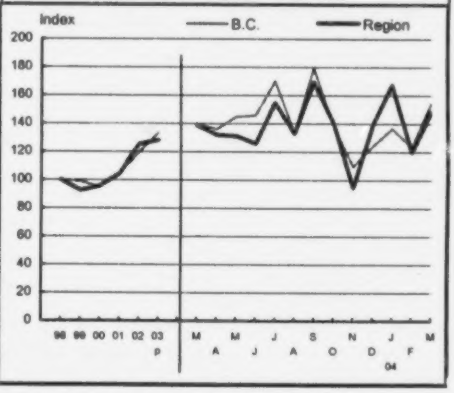


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	3,651.6	1,108.7	151.9	223.7	281.3	2,542.9	17,739
1997	3,316.2	1,165.6	163.8	130.0	152.6	2,150.6	15,214
1998	2,859.8	1,232.8	160.7	114.8	262.0	1,626.9	11,103
1999	2,643.5	1,104.9	172.8	84.2	279.9	1,538.6	9,799
2000	2,736.8	1,247.4	147.6	107.4	231.0	1,489.4	9,313
2001	2,983.1	1,169.6	105.2	86.4	345.5	1,813.5	10,426
2002	3,585.3	1,094.7	129.3	115.5	219.2	2,490.5	14,905
2003 p	3,662.4	922.9	90.7	126.9	206.3	2,739.4	14,960
YTD Mar '03	754.7	177.4	23.4	13.2	42.9	577.2	3,233
YTD Mar '04	1,037.3	221.2	10.0	19.6	36.2	816.1	4,726

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
Note: Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows included in GVRD commencing approx. August 1995

Greater Vancouver
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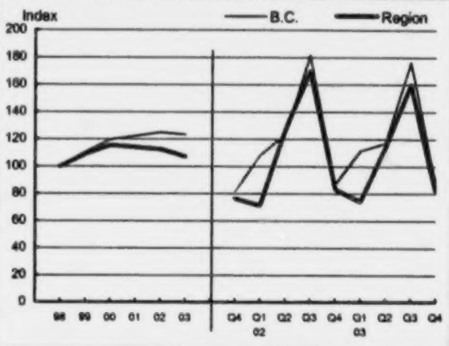
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Greater Vancouver Regional District	1999	585,814.5	96,251.9	159,453.1	226,458.4	103,651.0
	2000	622,269.0	102,448.2	171,692.4	230,907.7	117,220.7
	2001	613,433.4	111,349.2	170,533.9	228,839.4	102,710.9
	2002	606,108.3	95,683.3	170,136.0	228,434.9	111,854.0
	2003	576,631.8	99,708.2	152,862.4	214,823.8	109,237.4
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	576,631.8	100.0%	1-75 Rooms	37,104.1	6.4%
Hotels	543,294.3	94.2%	Motels	15,951.2	2.8%
251+ Rooms	296,114.3	51.4%	Miscellaneous	8,009.7	1.4%
151-250 Rooms	103,617.7	18.0%			
151+ Rooms	399,732.1	69.3%			
76-150 Rooms	106,458.1	18.5%			
76+ Rooms	506,190.2	87.8%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

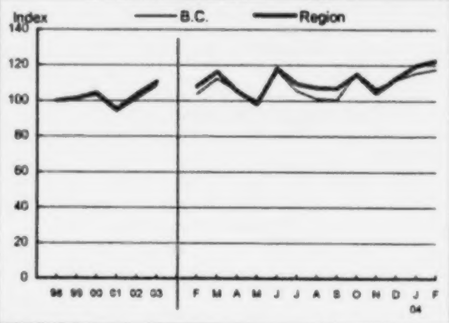


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations - includes Dewdney-Alouette prior to 2000

Year	Incorporations
1996	16,224
1997	15,749
1998	14,179
1999	14,367
2000	14,807
2001	13,490
2002	14,688
2003	15,698
Jan-Feb 03	2,770
Jan-Feb 04	2,862

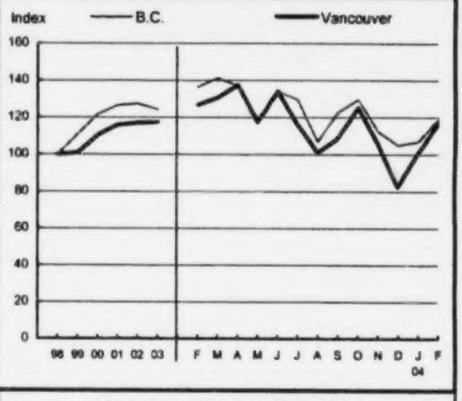
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



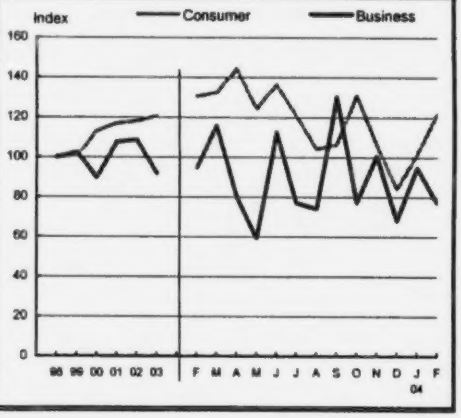
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vancouver		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	3,428	415	8,181	1,077
2000	3,842	363	9,184	980
2001	3,977	436	9,476	1,101
2002	4,011	440	9,531	1,107
2003	4,099	372	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	728	70	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	633	58	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vancouver Indices 1998=100



Greater Vancouver
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

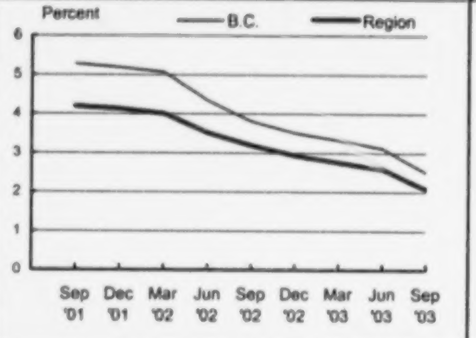
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Sep '01	4.2	6.3	3.8	3.6	1.8
	Dec '01	4.1	6.1	3.8	3.5	1.7
	Mar '02	4.0	6.0	3.7	3.5	1.7
	Jun '02	3.5	5.3	3.0	3.0	1.5
	Sep '02	3.2	4.8	2.6	2.8	1.4
	Dec '02	2.9	4.3	2.3	2.6	1.2
	Mar '03	2.8	4.0	2.1	2.5	1.1
	Jun '03	2.6	3.8	2.0	2.3	1.1
	Sep '03	2.1	3.3	1.7	1.8	0.9

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	38,743	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	41.4	46.1
1-2 Years	15.0	14.9
>2 Years	43.6	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



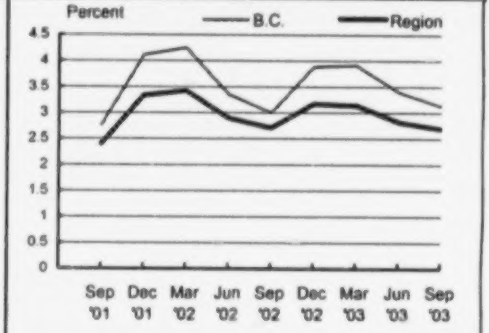
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.4	1.9	2.7	1.2	Sep '01
3.3	2.6	3.7	2.1	Dec '01
3.4	2.7	3.8	2.1	Mar '02
2.9	2.2	3.3	1.6	Jun '02
2.7	2.0	3.1	1.3	Sep '02
3.2	2.3	3.5	2.1	Dec '02
3.1	2.4	3.5	2.1	Mar '03
2.8	2.0	3.2	1.6	Jun '03
2.7	1.9	3.1	1.3	Sep '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

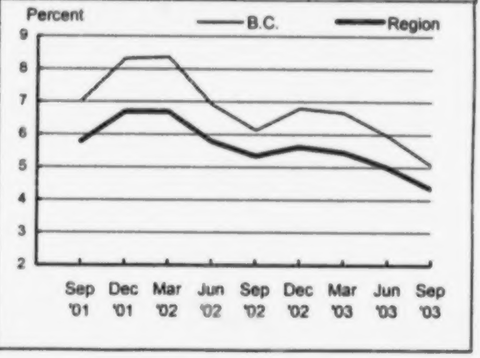
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Sep '01	5.8	5.6	6.2	3.8
	Dec '01	6.7	6.3	7.1	4.8
	Mar '02	6.7	6.3	7.2	4.5
	Jun '02	5.8	5.1	6.3	3.9
	Sep '02	5.3	4.5	5.8	3.6
	Dec '02	5.6	4.6	6.1	4.3
	Mar '03	5.5	4.5	5.9	4.0
	Jun '03	5.0	4.0	5.5	3.3
	Sep '03	4.3	3.6	4.9	2.4

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Greater Vancouver

Regional District

13 Demographics

This is the most densely populated region in the province. Although the region comprises only a small portion of the land base of the province, it contains approximately half the population. For this reason, many of the demographic characteristics of the area are similar to those of the province as a whole, although due to the more urban nature of the area, the total fertility rate is lower than the provincial rate. There are more females than males as is characteristic of urban areas and the child and elderly dependance ratios are lower than the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The Livable Region Strategic Plan will likely slow the current trend of growth outward toward the Valley and shift growth back into the urban core. As a result, this region will likely continue to experience strong growth. Net migration has been highly positive over the last twenty years, and it is projected that this will continue to be the case over the next two decades as well. The region can expect the addition of almost 850,000 people in the next 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

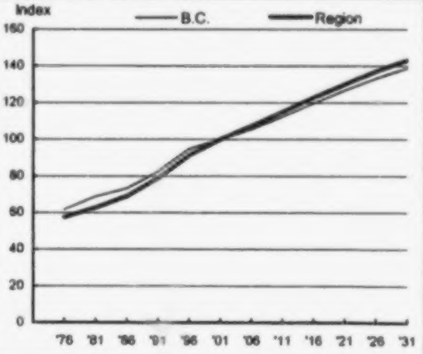
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	74.5	248.2	159.8	344.9	249.1	125.1	1,201.5	419.2	0.428	0.166	0.594	1976
1981	79.3	227.8	177.5	413.2	263.3	148.1	1,309.2	490.9	0.360	0.173	0.533	1981
1986	92.9	225.7	172.9	494.2	285.6	171.7	1,443.0	568.6	0.334	0.180	0.515	1986
1991	106.7	255.9	170.7	592.6	323.1	198.3	1,647.4	626.5	0.334	0.183	0.516	1991
1996	116.2	299.0	187.2	677.1	409.7	221.2	1,910.3	722.9	0.326	0.174	0.499	1996
2001	108.9	323.9	208.9	704.2	498.9	246.2	2,091.1	809.7	0.306	0.174	0.481	2001
2006	106.9	321.5	207.6	721.3	609.3	276.8	2,243.3	912.5	0.279	0.180	0.458	2006
2011	110.4	312.9	212.0	740.5	710.6	318.2	2,404.6	1,004.1	0.254	0.191	0.446	2011
2016	116.2	307.4	214.1	768.9	764.8	394.7	2,566.1	1,100.8	0.242	0.226	0.468	2016
2021	119.9	317.4	201.0	805.2	793.0	483.9	2,720.2	1,181.8	0.243	0.269	0.512	2021
2026	121.0	330.6	200.7	809.2	822.1	582.0	2,865.6	1,254.7	0.247	0.318	0.564	2026
2031	120.0	339.9	207.4	805.7	846.3	676.2	2,995.4	1,323.4	0.247	0.364	0.611	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

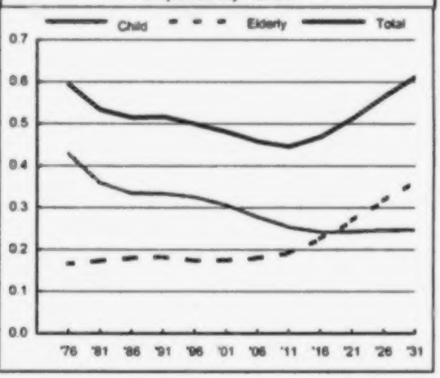
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Hazelton, Kitimat, New Hazelton, Stewart, Terrace

Forestry and mining are important economic drivers for this region. The Eskay Creek Mine near Stewart is one of the largest silver producers in the world. The Snip mine closed in the spring of 1999 due to ore depletion. The Alcan aluminum smelter at Kitimat is the main employer in that area and is the largest aluminum smelter in Canada outside Quebec. There have been several developments affecting this region recently. The recent Nisga'a land claims settlement could have significant effects for the entire region, and the Nisga'a area in particular. This area is high in mineral potential and several new mines are being considered, which could have significant employment impacts for the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kitimat-Stikine							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	991	1,239	99	51	10	1,399	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	188	158	8	2	0	168	12.0%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	3	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	3	1	1	0	5	0.4%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	147	167	6	5	0	178	12.7%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	15	31	2	6	3	42	3.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	35	47	4	1	0	52	3.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	62	158	16	8	1	183	13.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	102	93	2	5	0	100	7.1%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	11	16	3	0	0	19	1.4%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	29	22	4	1	0	27	1.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	91	49	3	0	0	52	3.7%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	95	79	6	0	0	85	6.1%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	40	10	0	2	0	12	0.9%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	50	54	1	1	0	56	4.0%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	8	12	2	1	3	18	1.3%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	103	11	10	1	125	8.9%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	16	25	3	0	0	28	2.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	34	76	17	4	0	97	6.9%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	56	119	2	0	0	121	8.6%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	15	8	4	2	29	2.1%	0.6%	878

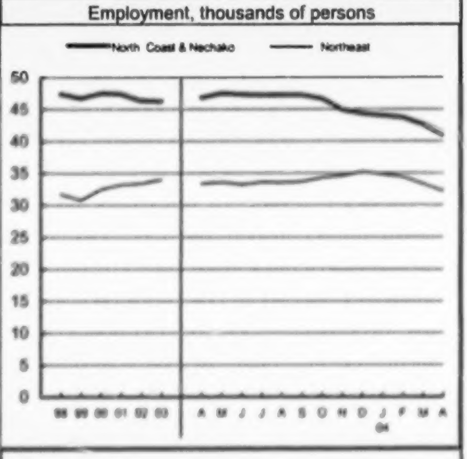
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

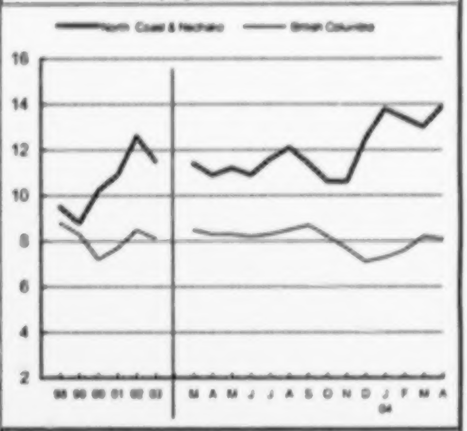
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	31.7	NA	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	33.2	5.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	46.3	12.6	33.4	9.0	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	46.2	11.5	34.0	6.9	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	33.6	8.9	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	33.7	8.2	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	33.8	7.1	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	33.4	7.2	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	33.6	6.7	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	33.2	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	33.6	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	33.5	7.7	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	33.7	7.9	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	34.3	6.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	34.6	6.0	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	35.2	4.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	34.8	4.4	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	43.7	13.4	34.4	4.2	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	42.6	13.0	33.3	4.6	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	41.0	13.9	32.2	5.0	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	46.3	11.2	33.5	7.6	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	41.9	13.9	32.6	5.0	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-9.7		-2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



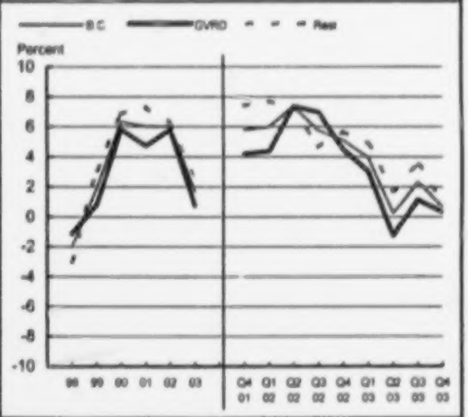
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual data	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly data	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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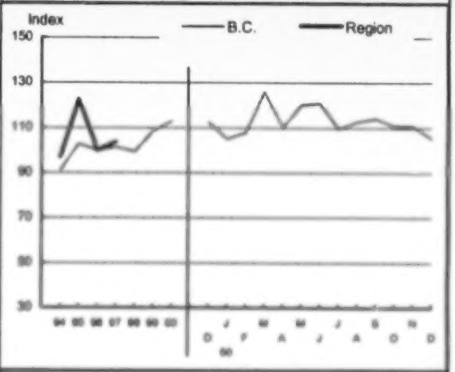
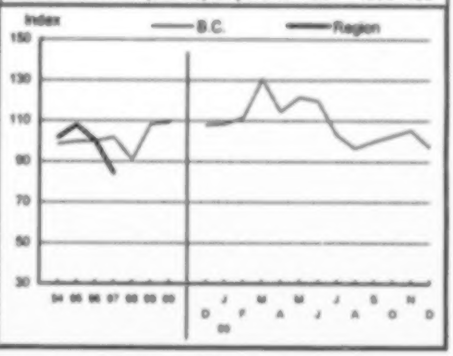
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	6	6	7	9	9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	4	5	7	7
30	Metal Fabricating	5	4	2	4	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	21	21	19	27	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	218.6	237.6	251.7	233.3	196.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	7.2	6.1	**	10.8	12.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	910.5	1,063.8	1,343.1	1,096.9	1,138.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	23	0	**	**
25	Wood	819	615	689	619	622
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	42	29	**	44	55
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,405	3,064	3,411	4,010	3,879
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.8	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	39.6	37.0	38.2	36.1	31.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.3	0.9	**	1.7	2.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	199.6	178.3	198.5	195.2	190.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

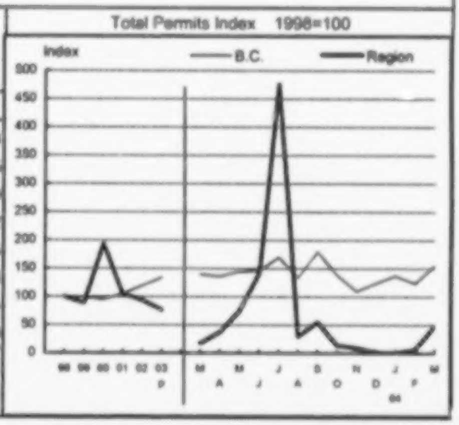


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	41.0	17.8	7.0	41.7	1.2	23.2	174
1997	47.4	28.5	17.1	47.6	0.9	18.8	125
1998	16.4	6.4	2.6	58.7	1.3	10.0	50
1999	14.4	7.6	3.7	59.4	0.3	6.8	32
2000	31.7	25.4	0.3	55.2	21.3	6.4	25
2001	17.1	14.7	0.1	59.5	12.1	2.4	8
2002	15.4	13.5	0.2	46.7	10.2	1.8	4
2003 p	12.6	9.3	0.3	55.6	1.5	3.3	10
YTD Mar '03	1.1	0.9	0.0	3.2	0.6	0.3	1
YTD Mar '04	0.8	0.5	0.0	12.3	0.4	0.3	1

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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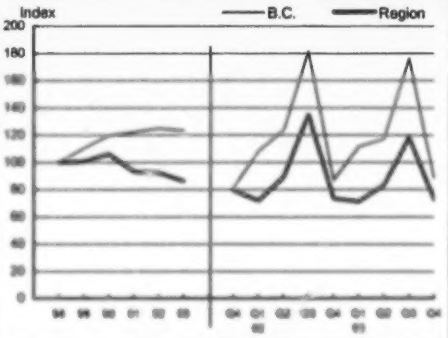
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	1999	8,243.3	1,400.8	2,184.4	2,777.5	1,880.6
	2000	8,684.9	1,664.9	2,184.7	3,175.0	1,660.2
	2001	7,634.0	1,396.8	2,047.9	2,564.3	1,625.0
	2002	7,568.1	1,476.2	1,825.3	2,761.6	1,504.9
	2003	7,066.8	1,455.5	1,700.7	2,421.0	1,489.5
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	7,066.8	100.0%
Hotels	3,681.8	52.1%
Motels	2,316.1	32.8%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

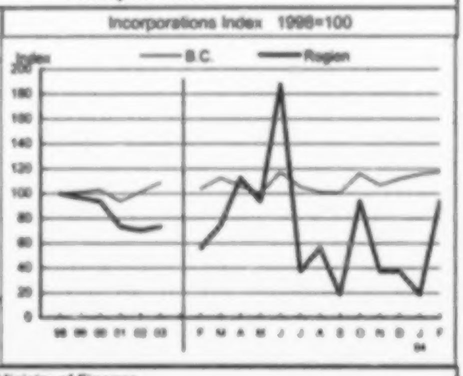


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	89
1997	83
1998	64
1999	62
2000	60
2001	47
2002	45
2003	47
Jan-Feb 03	7
Jan-Feb 04	6

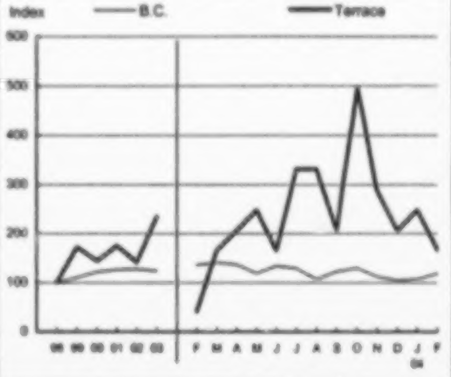
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



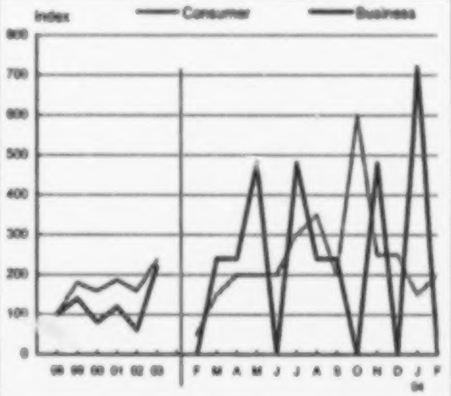
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Terrace		Kitimat		B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	43	7	21	0	8,181	1,077
2000	38	4	27	0	9,184	980
2001	45	6	25	2	9,476	1,101
2002	38	3	24	3	9,531	1,107
2003	57	11	13	4	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	3	1	2	1	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	7	3	2	0	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Terrace Indices 1998=100



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Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Sep '01	9.7	12.2	16.2	7.5	4.5
	Dec '01	10.0	12.9	16.0	7.8	4.3
	Mar '02	10.0	13.0	16.3	8.0	4.3
	Jun '02	9.1	11.5	14.7	7.3	3.9
	Sep '02	8.1	10.4	12.0	6.7	3.7
	Dec '02	7.1	9.1	9.9	5.9	3.0
	Mar '03	7.4	9.8	9.4	6.1	3.2
	Jun '03	7.2	10.0	8.9	5.8	3.2
	Sep '03	6.3	9.1	7.8	5.1	3.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

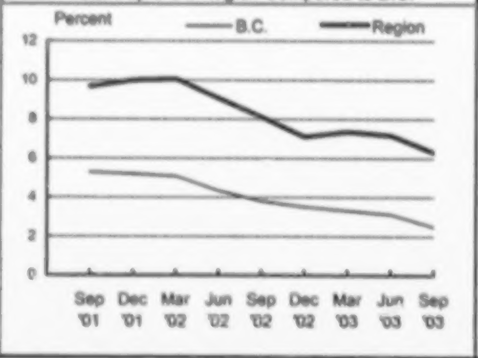
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
5.3	4.0	5.9	3.1	Sep '01
7.6	5.2	8.3	6.2	Dec '01
8.3	6.3	9.1	5.9	Mar '02
6.0	4.9	6.4	4.8	Jun '02
4.9	4.0	5.3	3.7	Sep '02
6.7	5.8	7.3	4.9	Dec '02
7.3	6.1	8.0	4.6	Mar '03
6.4	4.4	7.1	4.7	Jun '03
5.3	3.6	5.8	4.6	Sep '03

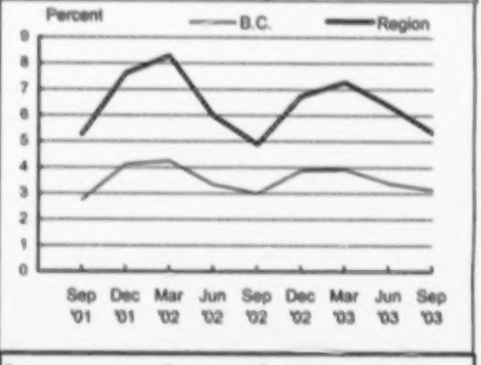
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,022	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.2	46.1
1-2 Years	19.2	14.9
>2 Years	37.7	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

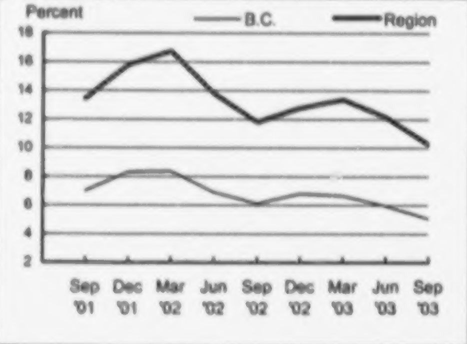
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Sep '01	13.4	19.7	13.2	8.4
	Dec '01	15.8	20.5	15.8	11.3
	Mar '02	16.7	22.1	16.9	10.7
	Jun '02	13.8	19.3	13.7	9.2
	Sep '02	11.8	15.8	11.8	7.8
	Dec '02	12.8	15.5	13.0	8.8
	Mar '03	13.4	15.4	14.0	8.4
	Jun '03	12.2	13.3	12.8	8.0
	Sep '03	10.2	11.4	10.8	6.5

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Regional District

13 Demographics

The gender ratio for this region is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. This is likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. The median age of the population is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children and far fewer elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

This region is expected to experience moderate growth throughout the projection period from a combination of positive natural increase (excess of births over deaths) and positive net migration. Towards the end of the projection period, deaths are expected to exceed births thereby lowering the population growth rate. Total fertility rates are expected to decline but remain well above the provincial rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.2	11.7	5.5	11.8	5.0	1.0	39.2	10.4	0.713	0.046	0.759	1976
1981	4.3	11.3	6.5	14.0	5.6	1.1	43.0	12.5	0.598	0.043	0.642	1981
1986	3.9	10.0	5.0	13.7	6.3	1.5	40.3	12.6	0.555	0.060	0.615	1986
1991	4.0	9.9	4.8	14.7	7.4	2.0	42.7	13.8	0.517	0.074	0.591	1991
1996	3.7	10.2	4.8	15.3	8.7	2.6	45.5	15.2	0.485	0.091	0.576	1996
2001	2.8	9.4	3.9	13.5	10.1	3.2	42.9	15.4	0.445	0.115	0.560	2001
2006	2.7	8.8	4.7	12.5	11.3	3.8	43.7	16.1	0.402	0.133	0.535	2006
2011	2.7	8.0	4.9	12.7	12.7	4.9	45.9	17.7	0.353	0.160	0.514	2011
2016	2.8	7.4	4.8	13.0	13.4	6.4	47.9	19.3	0.326	0.204	0.531	2016
2021	2.8	7.4	4.1	13.7	13.5	7.9	49.4	20.4	0.324	0.251	0.575	2021
2026	2.7	7.5	3.9	14.3	12.8	9.3	50.5	21.1	0.329	0.300	0.629	2026
2031	2.6	7.4	3.9	13.8	13.0	10.5	51.3	21.6	0.327	0.344	0.671	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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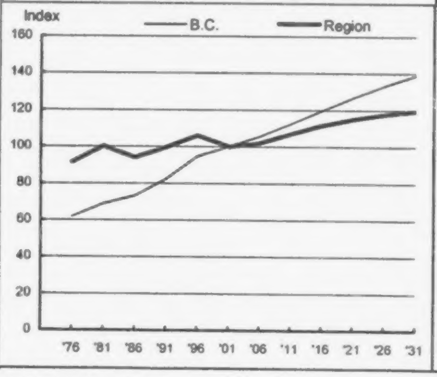
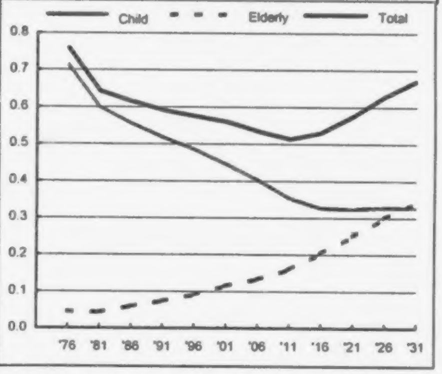


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fruitvale, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Midway, Montrose, Rossland, Trail, Warfield

The Cominco Smelter at Trail is the main economic driver for this region. Most of the people working in the Trail area are either directly employed by Cominco, or work in a job providing goods and services that is directly or indirectly dependent on Cominco. In the Grand Forks and Kettle Valley areas, forestry and agriculture are the main economic activities. There are major hydroelectric construction projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost employment for this region, at least for the short term. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and construction on the second unit to begin in 2002. The Keenleyside dam construction is also underway and the Brilliant dam is being upgraded and expanded.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay-Boundary							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,161	1,501	79	47	13	1,640	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	156	224	11	7	1	243	14.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	8	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	3	6	1	0	1	8	0.5%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	170	149	6	3	1	159	9.7%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	47	74	6	6	2	88	5.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	44	53	3	0	0	56	3.4%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	123	187	15	4	0	206	12.6%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	37	60	1	0	0	61	3.7%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	9	17	1	1	0	19	1.2%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	40	27	3	1	1	32	2.0%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	141	53	2	1	0	56	3.4%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	121	101	2	0	0	103	6.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	43	18	2	1	0	21	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	44	55	3	0	0	58	3.5%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	13	12	0	0	5	17	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	7	127	3	14	2	146	8.9%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11	42	3	3	0	48	2.9%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	62	117	12	3	0	132	8.0%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	82	151	1	0	0	152	9.3%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	24	4	3	0	31	1.9%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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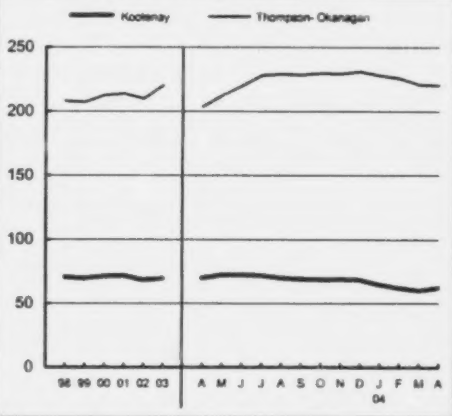
Regional District

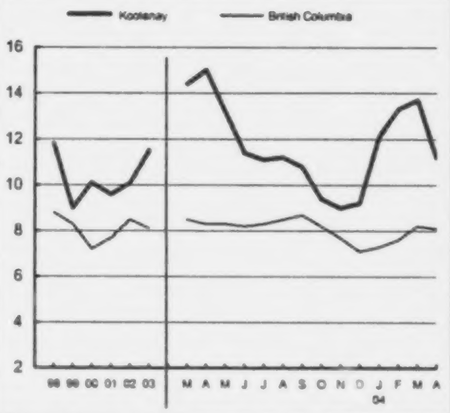
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay Emp ('000)	Kootenay Unemp %	Thompson-Okanagan Emp. ('000)	Thompson-Okanagan Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	68.3	10.1	210.0	9.3	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	69.5	11.5	220.3	8.7	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	67.2	11.9	204.3	9.4	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	67.2	13.5	200.2	9.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	68.2	14.4	201.7	9.7	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	69.8	15.0	203.7	9.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	72.3	13.2	212.4	10.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	72.4	11.4	219.8	9.5	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	71.9	11.1	228.1	8.8	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	69.9	11.2	229.0	8.3	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	69.2	10.8	228.7	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	68.6	9.4	229.7	7.9	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	69.0	9.0	229.6	7.8	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	68.4	9.2	231.0	7.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	64.7	12.1	228.1	7.6	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	62.0	13.3	225.8	7.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	59.8	13.7	221.0	8.0	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	62.1	11.2	220.5	7.8	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	69.2	14.0	202.1	10.1	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	61.0	12.7	221.0	7.9	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-11.9		9.3		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



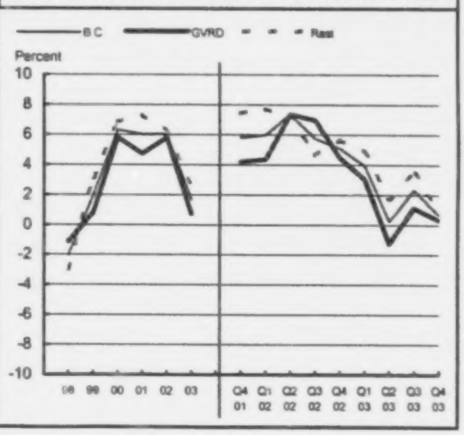
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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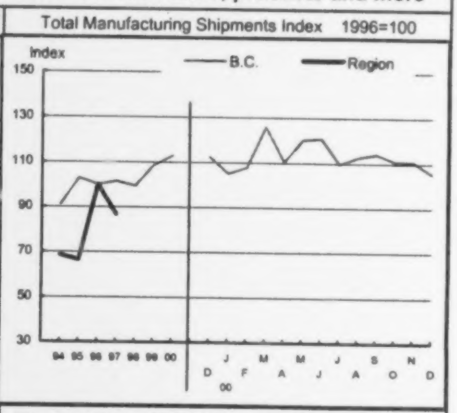
Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

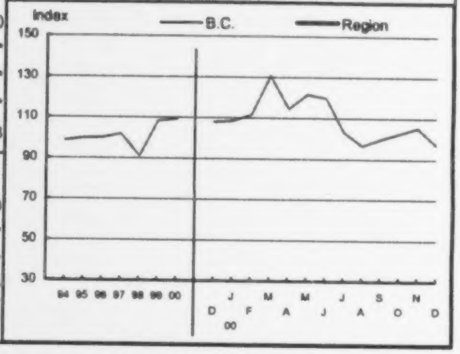
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	6	6	6	6	6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	5	5	5	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	1	1	1	2	2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	20	19	19	22	20
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	219.1	176.0	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	143.2	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	359.4	420.0	406.8	611.9	530.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	**	991	728	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	453	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,043	3,139	2,826	2,889	2,888
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	42.2	34.4	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	22.3	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	137.2	145.1	141.9	148.6	166.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

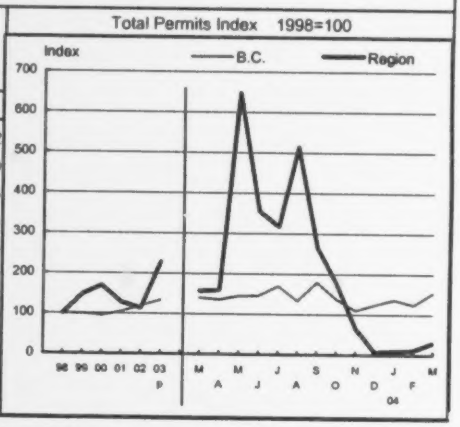


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm- ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	34.8	17.5	6.4	117.5	0.8	17.3	162
1997	41.0	18.0	5.4	136.8	2.4	23.0	220
1998	35.5	11.4	1.6	76.3	1.7	24.1	185
1999	52.2	26.5	12.3	77.9	7.2	25.7	233
2000	60.0	30.8	19.2	67.1	1.6	29.2	189
2001	45.3	18.4	3.9	82.0	10.5	26.8	182
2002	40.1	7.7	2.4	47.5	1.9	32.4	151
2003 p	81.0	17.4	2.8	88.1	8.2	63.6	343
YTD Mar '03	6.8	2.2	1.6	13.7	0.3	4.6	40
YTD Mar '04	1.5	0.4	0.2	10.7	0.1	1.1	3

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

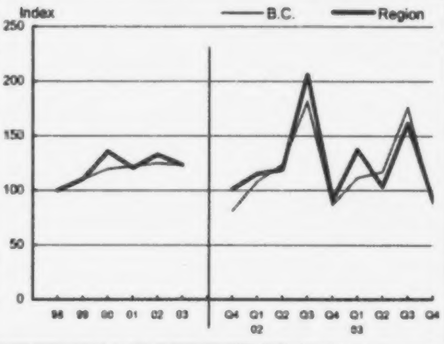
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	1999	5,029.8	1,327.6	976.1	1,717.7	1,008.4
	2000	6,191.8	1,455.5	1,185.5	2,248.7	1,302.1
	2001	5,501.2	1,020.2	1,121.3	2,209.0	1,150.7
	2002	6,062.1	1,316.6	1,358.3	2,350.7	1,036.6
	2003	5,621.8	1,565.8	1,175.7	1,838.5	1,041.8
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	5,621.8	100.0%
Motels	3,133.1	55.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

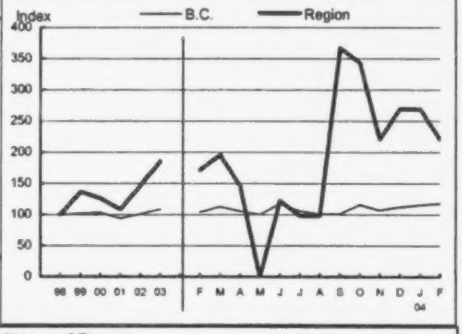


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	58
1997	59
1998	49
1999	67
2000	62
2001	53
2002	72
2003	91
Jan-Feb 03	15
Jan-Feb 04	20

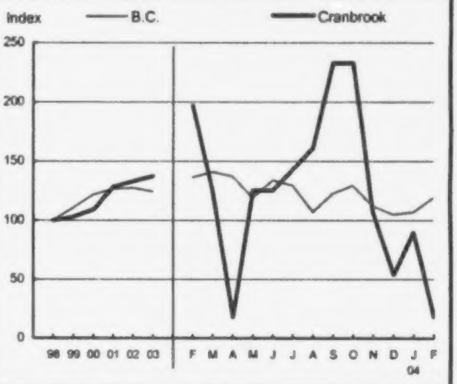
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



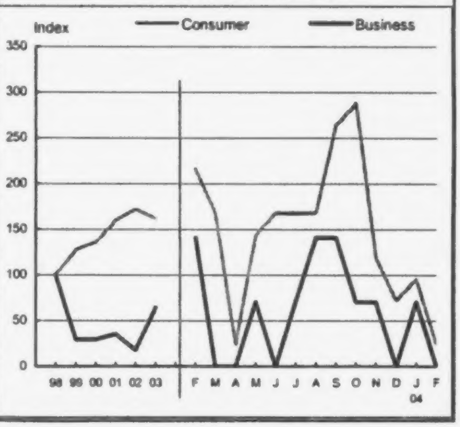
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	64	5	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	15	3	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	5	1	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Sep '01	5.9	8.3	6.5	5.2	3.1
	Dec '01	5.7	7.9	6.1	5.0	2.9
	Mar '02	5.8	8.3	6.2	5.2	2.9
	Jun '02	5.0	7.1	4.9	4.5	2.6
	Sep '02	4.2	6.2	3.6	3.8	2.3
	Dec '02	4.1	5.8	3.1	3.7	2.1
	Mar '03	4.0	5.7	3.2	3.7	1.9
	Jun '03	3.5	5.0	2.8	3.3	1.8
	Sep '03	2.5	4.0	2.6	2.2	1.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

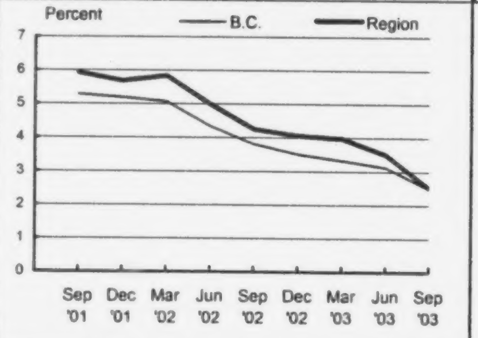
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.0	3.1	3.5	1.2	Sep '01
4.7	4.2	5.5	1.9	Dec '01
5.4	5.1	6.3	2.6	Mar '02
3.7	3.2	4.4	1.8	Jun '02
3.3	2.7	3.9	1.5	Sep '02
4.9	4.8	5.7	2.3	Dec '02
4.9	4.7	5.7	2.3	Mar '03
3.6	3.3	4.2	1.8	Jun '03
3.3	2.9	4.0	1.4	Sep '03

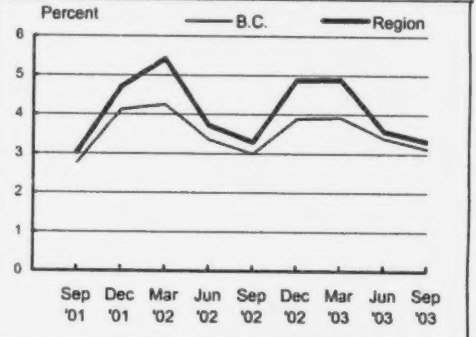
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	683	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.9	46.1
1-2 Years	13.7	14.9
>2 Years	43.4	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

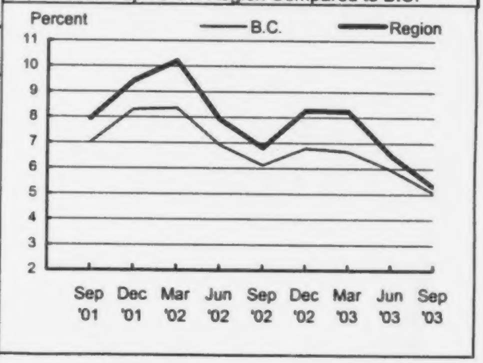
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Sep '01	7.9	9.6	8.6	4.3
	Dec '01	9.4	10.2	10.4	5.2
	Mar '02	10.2	11.0	11.4	5.5
	Jun '02	7.9	7.9	8.8	4.8
	Sep '02	6.8	6.1	7.7	4.2
	Dec '02	8.3	7.8	9.3	5.0
	Mar '03	8.2	7.8	9.4	4.7
	Jun '03	6.5	6.0	7.4	3.9
	Sep '03	5.3	5.4	6.2	2.3

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is older than the provincial median. As a result, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. However, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population is slightly higher than the provincial ratio. This age structure is likely the result of layoffs in the resource sectors and at Cominco, that have forced those young workers with less seniority to move elsewhere to find jobs. Those left behind are generally older and more likely to have families.

14 Projection

Job losses in the forestry sector will likely continue, resulting in out-migration for the short-term. This region is expected to receive small net inflows of migrants over in the long-term and this will lead to slow, steady population growth. However, towards the end of the projection period the losses due to a negative natural increase (i.e., deaths outnumbering births) should match net migration resulting in a popualation growth rate of close to zero.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

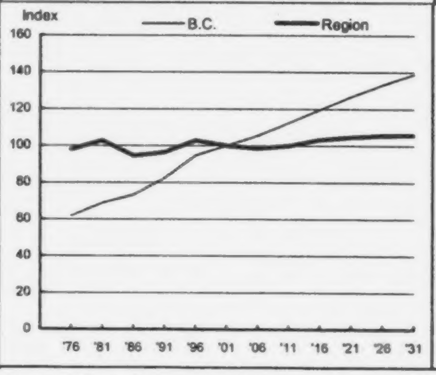
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.2	7.5	4.2	7.8	7.5	3.3	32.5	10.9	0.500	0.170	0.670	1976
1981	2.3	6.8	4.4	9.2	7.2	4.2	34.1	12.4	0.436	0.200	0.637	1981
1986	2.2	5.8	2.8	9.0	6.8	4.7	31.4	12.3	0.431	0.250	0.681	1986
1991	2.0	5.9	2.5	9.7	6.7	5.2	32.0	12.7	0.417	0.275	0.692	1991
1996	1.8	6.4	2.4	9.7	8.1	5.7	34.1	13.9	0.404	0.281	0.686	1996
2001	1.4	5.6	2.5	8.4	9.3	5.9	33.2	14.3	0.348	0.294	0.642	2001
2006	1.2	4.7	3.1	7.0	10.4	6.3	32.7	14.6	0.288	0.309	0.597	2006
2011	1.4	4.0	2.8	7.1	11.2	6.8	33.2	15.5	0.252	0.320	0.572	2011
2016	1.5	4.0	2.4	7.7	10.8	7.9	34.3	16.4	0.262	0.377	0.639	2016
2021	1.4	4.2	2.1	8.2	9.7	9.2	34.7	16.7	0.280	0.463	0.743	2021
2026	1.2	4.3	2.0	8.3	8.7	10.5	35.1	16.9	0.292	0.551	0.843	2026
2031	1.1	4.1	2.3	7.4	9.0	11.1	35.1	17.3	0.280	0.591	0.871	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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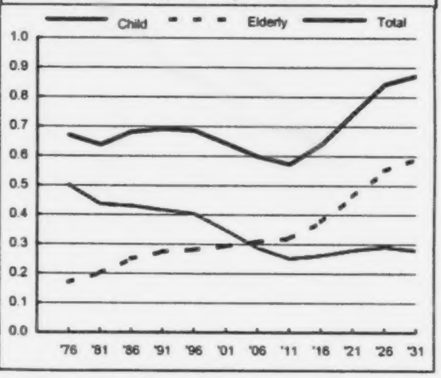

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Mount Waddington
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill

The AAC has been reduced and the trade restrictions with the US have resulted in shutdowns. The Port Alice mill is into an indefinite shutdown putting over 400 people out of work. Fisheries activity is in the process of changing from a prodominately wild fishery to fish farming. The fish processing plant in Port Hardy is the largest employer in the area dressing mostly farmed fish. Fish farming is posed to grow but regulations are in review in an attempt to clean up the industry so that its impacts on the environment and other life forms is not detrimental. Tourists continue to be attracted to resorts in the islands during the summer months. Wind farms have been proposed.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mount Waddington							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	469	551	39	11	3	604	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	110	106	5	5	1	117	19.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	64	51	3	0	0	54	8.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	24	26	3	1	1	31	5.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	23	21	2	0	0	23	3.8%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	31	66	5	2	0	73	12.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	39	44	1	0	0	45	7.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	3	0	0	0	3	0.5%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	8	3	2	0	0	5	0.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	32	15	1	0	0	16	2.6%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	30	37	1	0	0	38	6.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	25	4	0	0	0	4	0.7%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	16	26	0	0	0	26	4.3%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	3	3	0	0	1	4	0.7%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	2	30	3	1	0	34	5.6%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	4	17	0	0	0	17	2.8%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	26	51	6	2	0	59	9.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	24	42	0	0	0	42	7.0%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	6	7	0	0	13	2.2%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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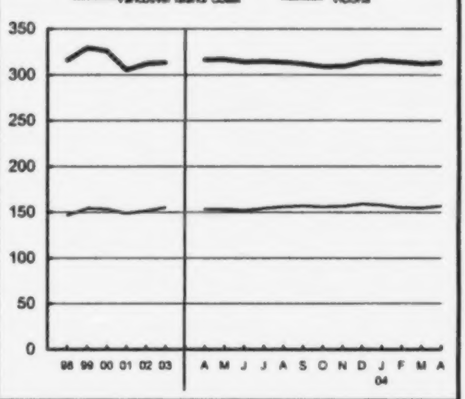
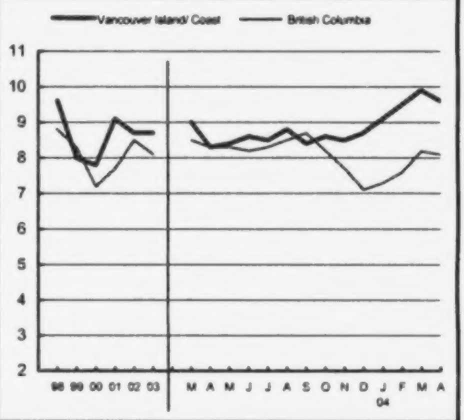
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1994		0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2001		305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2002		311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
2003		313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	313.6	9.5	155.0	5.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	312.0	9.9	154.9	5.4	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	313.2	9.6	157.1	4.4	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	313.4	8.8	152.8	6.0	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	312.7	9.5	156.2	5.1	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-0.2		2.2		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



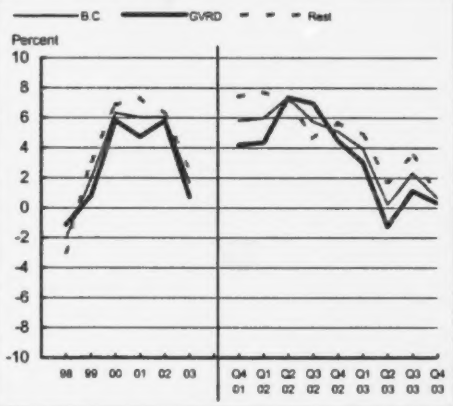
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

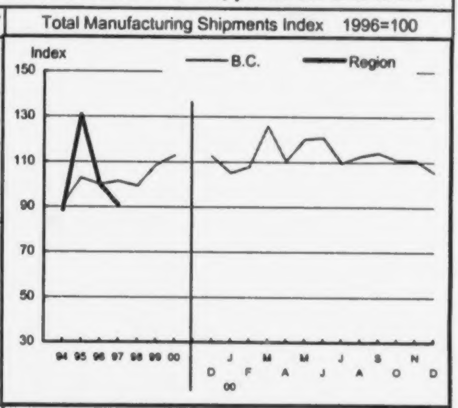
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



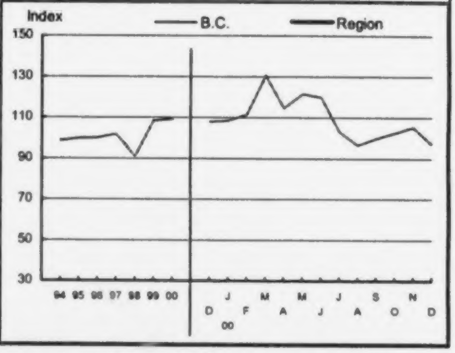
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	2	4	4
25	Wood	1	1	2	4	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	1	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	2	1	3	4	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11	10	15	19	18
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	33.2
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	210.9	242.5	358.2	274.2	248.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	196
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	900	1,024	1,057	1,045	1,095
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	5.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42.7	45.7	54.4	52.9	60.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

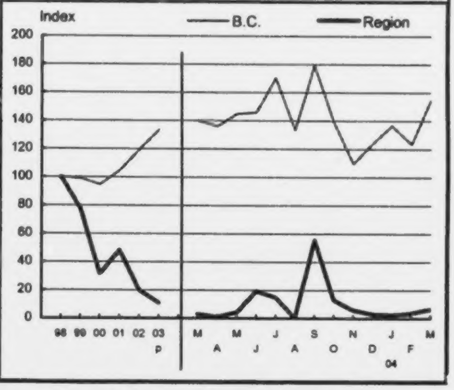


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	9.3	2.1	0.6	9.3	0.2	7.2	67
1997	6.0	1.9	-	6.0	0.0	4.1	30
1998	8.0	5.2	0.4	8.0	2.6	2.8	21
1999	6.2	4.8	1.5	6.2	2.2	1.4	7
2000	2.5	1.5	0.2	2.5	0.2	1.0	4
2001	3.9	2.4	0.4	3.9	1.0	1.4	5
2002	1.6	0.3	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.3	5
2003 p	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.8	3
YTD Mar '03	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0
YTD Mar '04	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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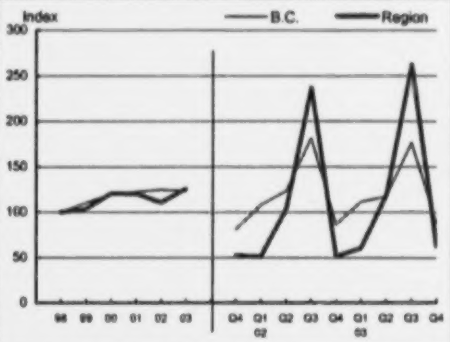
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mt. Waddington Regional District	1999	4,607.0	435.8	1,173.3	2,339.8	658.0
	2000	5,346.1	589.3	1,313.1	2,710.5	733.2
	2001	5,333.7	732.8	1,298.4	2,721.4	581.0
	2002	4,909.7	567.7	1,147.9	2,624.8	569.2
	2003	5,573.0	666.8	1,309.2	2,904.1	692.9
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	5,573.0	100.0%
Hotels	3,249.5	58.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

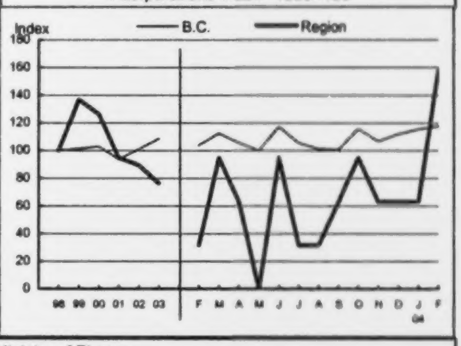


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	59
1997	49
1998	38
1999	52
2000	48
2001	36
2002	34
2003	29
Jan-Feb 03	10
Jan-Feb 04	7

Incorporations Index 1998=100

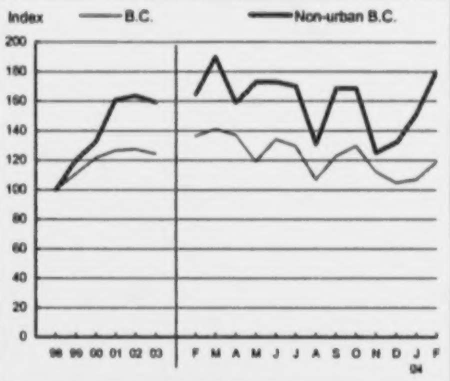


Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100

Total = Consumer + Business



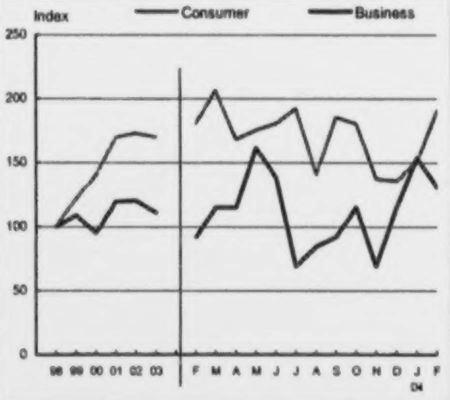
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Sep '01	4.9	7.0	8.4	3.5	2.8
	Dec '01	4.9	6.7	9.6	3.6	2.8
	Mar '02	5.1	6.9	10.4	3.8	2.6
	Jun '02	3.3	4.4	7.5	2.5	1.9
	Sep '02	2.4	2.9	4.7	1.9	1.3
	Dec '02	2.4	3.1	4.6	1.9	1.2
	Mar '03	2.2	2.8	3.9	1.7	1.2
	Jun '03	1.9	2.6	2.1	1.6	1.0
	Sep '03	1.6	2.3	2.1	1.3	0.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

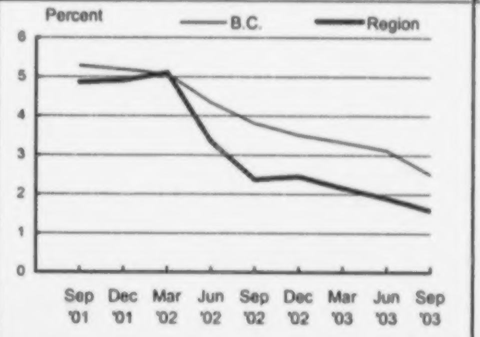
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
4.5	4.0	4.9	3.2	Sep '01
11.7	9.1	12.6	9.1	Dec '01
9.1	6.3	10.1	7.0	Mar '02
6.4	3.8	7.4	3.7	Jun '02
6.1	6.2	6.7	3.3	Sep '02
7.1	6.1	7.7	5.0	Dec '02
6.9	5.2	7.7	4.9	Mar '03
8.9	7.2	9.6	7.0	Jun '03
6.5	9.4	6.9	2.7	Sep '03

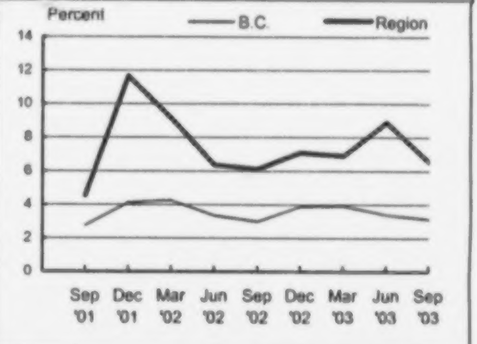
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	173	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	64.0	46.1
1-2 Years	8.6	14.9
>2 Years	27.4	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

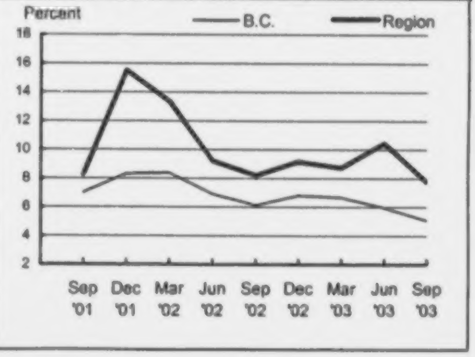
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Sep '01	8.3	12.1	8.2	5.6
	Dec '01	15.5	18.0	16.0	11.3
	Mar '02	13.3	16.2	13.8	9.1
	Jun '02	9.2	11.1	9.9	4.9
	Sep '02	8.2	10.9	8.6	4.5
	Dec '02	9.2	10.7	9.5	6.7
	Mar '03	8.7	8.9	9.3	6.1
	Jun '03	10.4	9.3	11.2	8.2
	Sep '03	7.7	11.6	8.1	3.4

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors is the reason for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this area. Nonetheless, the total fertility rate is much higher than the provincial average. The median age of the population is also substantially younger than the provincial median and this is reflected in the child and elderly dependency ratios. The child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is higher than the provincial ratio, while the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is substantially lower than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The long-term outlook for this region is for consistent net migration outflows. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will likely continue to drop, lowering the population growth rate even further over the duration of the projection.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

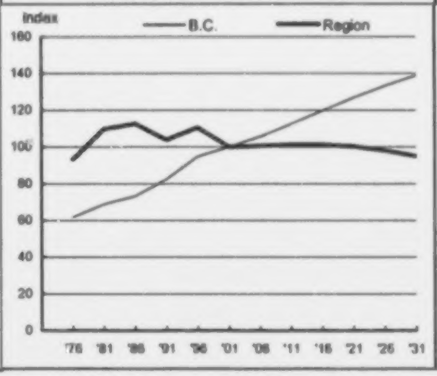
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	1.4	3.3	1.9	4.4	1.6	0.3	12.6	3.6	0.593	0.042	0.635	1976
1981	1.7	3.4	2.3	5.6	1.8	0.3	15.1	4.8	0.528	0.035	0.563	1981
1986	1.6	3.5	1.8	6.0	2.1	0.4	15.5	5.2	0.513	0.040	0.554	1986
1991	1.3	3.3	1.3	5.4	2.5	0.5	14.3	5.0	0.501	0.054	0.555	1991
1996	1.2	3.4	1.4	5.4	3.2	0.6	15.2	5.5	0.460	0.061	0.521	1996
2001	0.9	2.9	1.2	4.4	3.6	0.8	13.8	5.4	0.409	0.083	0.492	2001
2006	0.8	2.5	1.5	3.7	4.3	1.0	13.9	5.6	0.355	0.108	0.463	2006
2011	0.8	2.3	1.4	3.4	4.6	1.5	14.0	6.0	0.324	0.156	0.479	2011
2016	0.7	2.1	1.2	3.5	4.4	2.0	13.9	6.2	0.314	0.221	0.536	2016
2021	0.7	2.0	1.1	3.5	3.9	2.6	13.8	6.3	0.315	0.311	0.626	2021
2026	0.6	1.9	1.0	3.5	3.4	3.2	13.5	6.3	0.322	0.410	0.731	2026
2031	0.6	1.7	1.0	3.2	3.1	3.6	13.1	6.2	0.319	0.500	0.819	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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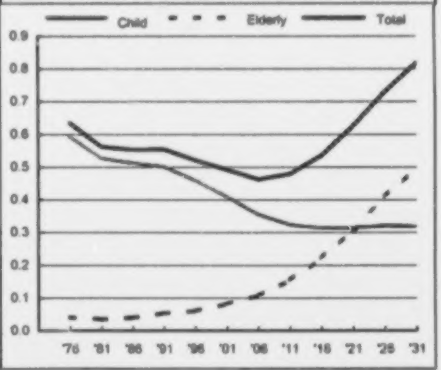

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Nanaimo
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach

The port of Nanaimo dominates the activity in the area, making the city a regional centre. Transporation to the port from areas throughout the island has changed significantly with the completion of the new island highway. Rail transport has had to beef up passenger service in order to continue operating as commercial products utilize the new highway.

A new conference centre is being built and will contribute to increased tourism. As well as having a water port, Nanaimo has a growing airport and is now the second largest on the island. While resource activity has been in decline, Nanaimo continues to attract health and educational services. Enrollment at the university/college continues to grow and expansion and upgrades are under construction. Acute health care services expansion make this sector one of the largest employers in the region.

Housing and retail development in the Parksville/Qualicum area, north of Nanaimo, continues to grow rapidly with tourism, retirees, and the associated service sector. This area is also attracting working people who are not in need of living in close proximity to work.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nanaimo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	5,258	4,210	305	132	23	4,670	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	326	192	15	5	1	213	4.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	17	12	0	0	0	12	0.3%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	1,008	569	41	4	1	615	13.2%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	206	172	10	9	2	193	4.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	173	209	11	7	0	227	4.9%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	373	564	43	19	5	631	13.5%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	217	170	15	5	1	191	4.1%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	53	31	7	3	1	42	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	231	119	17	4	2	142	3.0%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	701	163	8	9	1	181	3.9%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	715	484	17	6	0	507	10.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	288	73	0	3	0	76	1.6%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	236	205	12	5	1	223	4.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	53	35	1	0	3	39	0.8%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	74	469	30	17	3	519	11.1%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	89	84	6	5	0	95	2.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	165	281	57	25	0	363	7.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	332	361	14	2	1	378	8.1%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	14	0	4	1	19	0.4%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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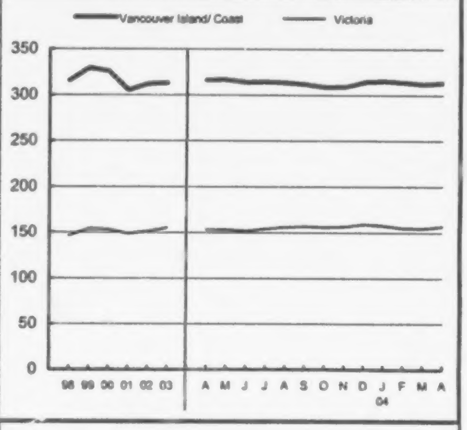
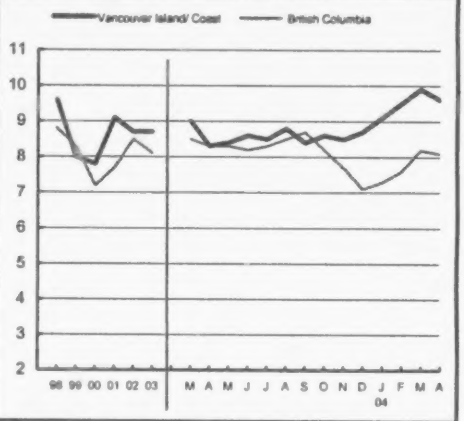
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast Emp. ('000)	Vancouver Island/ Coast Unemp. %	Victoria Emp. ('000)	Victoria Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1994		0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2001		305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2002		311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
2003		313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	313.6	9.5	155.0	5.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	312.0	9.9	154.9	5.4	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	313.2	9.6	157.1	4.4	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	313.4	8.8	152.8	6.0	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	312.7	9.5	156.2	5.1	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-0.2		2.2		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



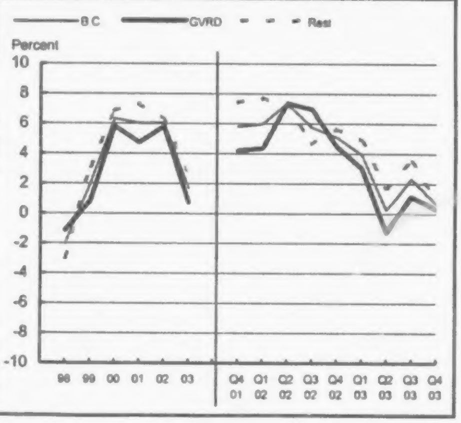
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

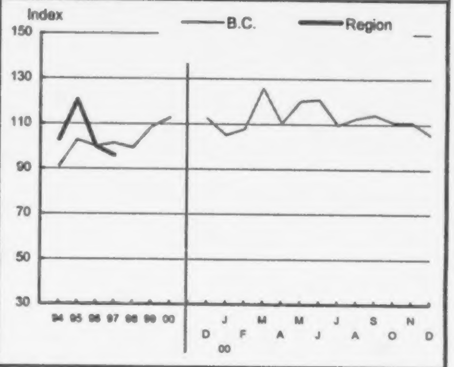
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



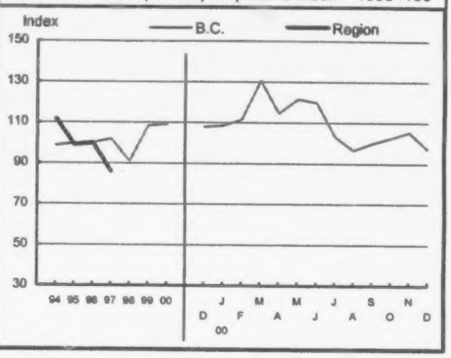
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	3	3	4	4
25	Wood	17	17	18	23	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	6	5	6	8	8
30	Metal Fabricating	11	9	11	14	13
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	65	65	76	95	90
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	10.8	14.4
25	Wood	343.4	420.3	372.8	376.4	323.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	360.5	326.5	330.7	271.5
30	Metal Fabricating	7.5	9.7	**	13.6	14.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	533.1	742.9	870.6	722.7	692.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	97	137
25	Wood	1,021	1,235	896	998	1,040
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	926	677	789	777
30	Metal Fabricating	94	119	**	136	153
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,493	2,831	2,659	2,726	3,022
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	2.9	3.9
25	Wood	46.9	57.8	43.1	54.8	54.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	46.3	35.3	46.7	43.6
30	Metal Fabricating	3.1	3.8	**	4.4	5.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	106.4	126.3	122.6	132.2	148.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

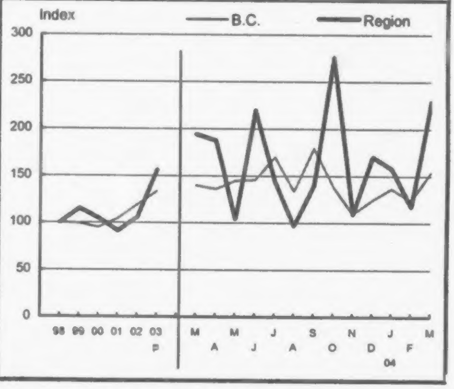


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	254.2	67.5	1.7	254.2	8.7	186.8	1,720
1997	182.3	52.7	2.6	182.3	12.4	129.6	1,008
1998	132.7	51.1	6.8	132.7	20.9	81.6	720
1999	152.8	66.3	3.7	152.8	14.3	86.5	653
2000	138.8	69.0	2.7	138.8	26.3	69.7	498
2001	120.9	51.0	2.6	120.9	17.7	69.9	488
2002	141.1	30.8	1.5	141.1	8.2	110.2	764
2003 p	207.3	54.9	3.1	207.3	12.8	152.4	1,063
YTD Mar '03	47.3	7.8	0.4	47.3	0.4	39.4	305
YTD Mar '04	55.8	7.0	0.7	55.8	0.7	48.7	285

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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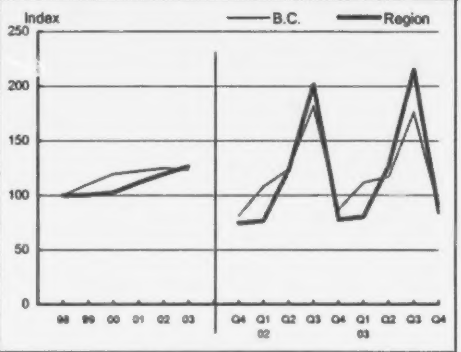
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nanaimo Regional District	1999	28,806.7	4,690.1	6,903.3	12,545.5	4,667.8
	2000	29,400.2	4,506.3	7,124.4	12,900.7	4,868.8
	2001	31,921.1	4,876.2	7,678.6	14,029.5	5,336.8
	2002	34,261.9	5,492.9	8,795.1	14,404.6	5,569.3
	2003	36,227.5	5,755.4	9,074.7	15,362.9	6,034.6
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	36,227.5	100.0%
Hotels	18,029.6	49.8%
Motels	7,453.9	20.6%
Vacation Rentals	8,938.4	24.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

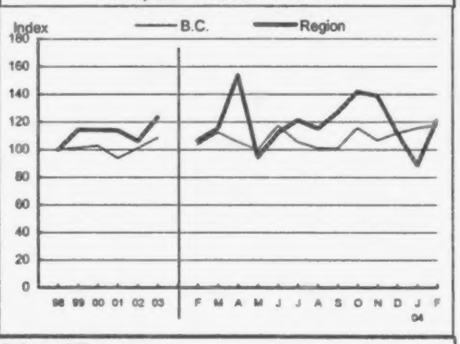


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	480
1997	452
1998	406
1999	464
2000	464
2001	463
2002	431
2003	502
Jan-Feb 03	85
Jan-Feb 04	71

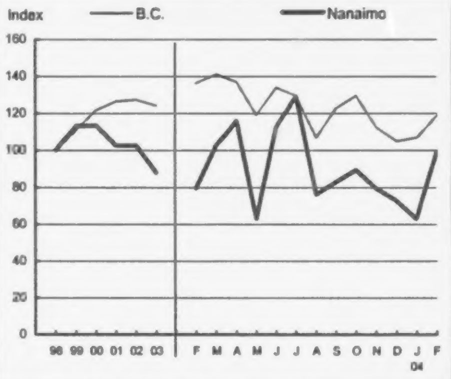
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



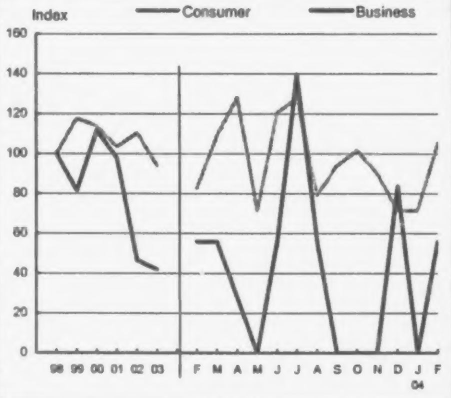
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Nanaimo		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	375	35	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	363	48	983	148	9,184	980
2001	330	42	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	352	20	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	300	18	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	36	3	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	47	2	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Nanaimo Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Sep '01	9.5	13.4	13.8	8.3	4.2
	Dec '01	9.1	12.5	13.0	8.1	3.9
	Mar '02	9.0	12.5	12.9	8.1	3.8
	Jun '02	7.8	11.0	10.4	7.0	3.3
	Sep '02	7.0	10.2	8.4	6.2	3.1
	Dec '02	6.3	9.0	7.5	5.7	2.7
	Mar '03	5.8	8.4	6.3	5.3	2.5
	Jun '03	5.5	8.0	6.2	5.1	2.4
	Sep '03	4.5	7.1	5.3	3.9	2.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

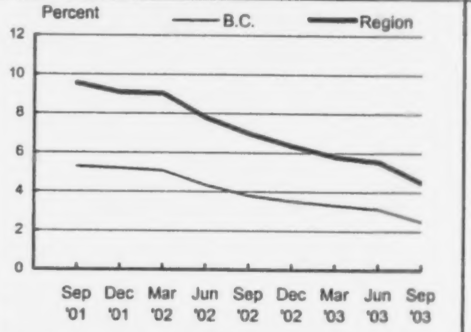
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.0	2.5	3.5	1.4	Sep '01
4.6	4.2	5.2	2.4	Dec '01
4.9	4.3	5.6	2.7	Mar '02
3.5	3.0	4.1	1.9	Jun '02
3.3	2.8	3.9	1.6	Sep '02
4.2	4.0	4.7	2.5	Dec '02
4.2	3.7	4.8	2.6	Mar '03
3.3	3.1	3.8	1.9	Jun '03
3.2	3.2	3.7	1.6	Sep '03

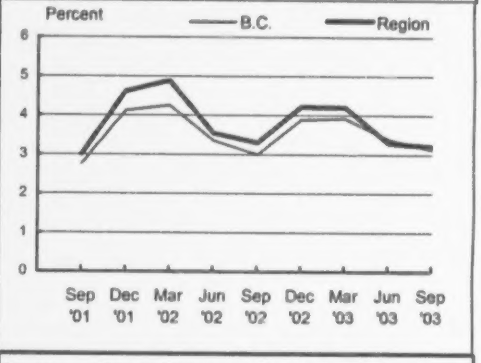
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,841	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.7	46.1
1-2 Years	16.4	14.9
>2 Years	37.9	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

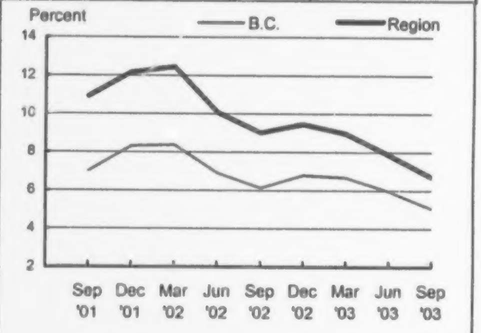
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Sep '01	10.9	15.9	11.6	4.7
	Dec '01	12.2	16.8	13.1	5.6
	Mar '02	12.5	16.8	13.5	5.8
	Jun '02	10.1	13.2	11.0	4.8
	Sep '02	9.0	11.0	10.0	4.2
	Dec '02	9.5	11.2	10.3	5.1
	Mar '03	9.0	9.9	10.0	4.9
	Jun '03	7.9	9.0	8.7	4.1
	Sep '03	6.7	8.4	7.5	2.9

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Although net migration to this region declined in the mid-eighties and late-nineties during the downturns in the forest sector, it remained positive. This is likely due to the strong service sector in Nanaimo. The large amount of service sector jobs combined with the substantial amount of retirees in the Qualicum area are likely the reasons why there is a gender bias in favour of females. With more females than males, Nanaimo is unlike neighbouring regions that are more dependent on the forest sector where jobs are more male-dominated. The retirement base is the reason why the median age of the region's population is higher than the provincial median.

14 Projection

Nanaimo's role as service centre for the central Island and the growing retirement base particularly in the Parksville/Qualicum area should ensure that the region continues to experience strong growth. It is projected that recent strong, positive net migration will persist in this area and it will continue to expand rapidly, growing in population by approximately 60 per cent over the next 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.2	14.0	8.0	15.8	14.3	7.0	63.3	21.5	0.477	0.185	0.662	1976
1981	5.5	15.0	9.6	22.9	16.5	9.5	79.0	29.5	0.417	0.194	0.611	1981
1986	5.7	15.0	8.1	25.3	18.0	12.8	84.9	34.1	0.403	0.250	0.653	1986
1991	6.6	17.7	8.5	31.7	22.4	17.4	104.3	41.6	0.388	0.278	0.666	1991
1996	7.3	21.4	10.2	37.0	29.3	21.3	126.5	51.4	0.376	0.279	0.655	1996
2001	5.9	21.1	10.4	33.9	36.1	25.1	132.5	57.4	0.337	0.313	0.650	2001
2006	5.5	19.7	12.2	32.9	40.8	28.2	139.3	62.8	0.294	0.328	0.622	2006
2011	6.6	19.2	12.6	37.0	46.1	32.0	153.5	71.4	0.270	0.335	0.604	2011
2016	7.5	20.0	12.5	41.5	48.6	37.4	167.6	79.5	0.267	0.365	0.632	2016
2021	7.8	22.2	11.6	46.0	50.0	43.3	181.1	85.9	0.280	0.403	0.682	2021
2026	7.9	24.2	12.4	48.3	52.2	49.3	194.3	92.1	0.285	0.437	0.721	2026
2031	8.0	25.3	13.9	48.6	56.6	54.3	206.7	98.8	0.279	0.456	0.736	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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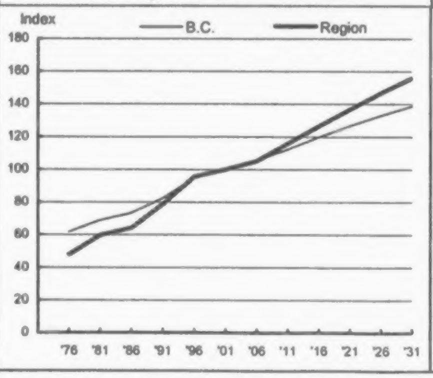
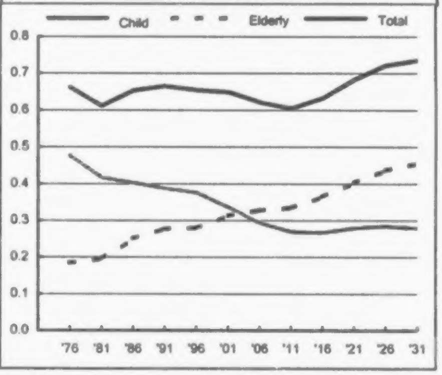


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

North Okanagan
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Armstrong, Coldstream, Enderby, Lumby, Spallumcheen, Vernon

The economy of this region is fairly diversified. Forestry, agriculture and tourism all play important roles. The climate in this area is an attraction for tourists, as well as providing a suitable environment for agriculture. An increasingly diversified economy should also help promote stability. There is also the potential for mining activity.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,054	2,874	199	98	8	3,179	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	375	291	15	5	1	312	9.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	19	12	0	0	0	12	0.4%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	5	5	1	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	512	416	20	5	0	441	13.9%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	127	123	18	21	1	163	5.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	135	133	12	2	0	147	4.6%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	216	338	20	18	3	379	11.9%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	145	141	7	2	0	150	4.7%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	18	19	0	2	0	21	0.7%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	157	72	9	2	0	83	2.6%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	385	134	5	1	0	140	4.4%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	289	231	7	2	0	240	7.5%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	178	67	5	1	0	73	2.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	111	127	3	3	0	133	4.2%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	21	17	1	0	1	19	0.6%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	31	257	28	11	1	297	9.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	26	55	8	3	0	66	2.1%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	100	167	30	17	0	214	6.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	203	245	6	1	0	252	7.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	1	24	4	2	1	31	1.0%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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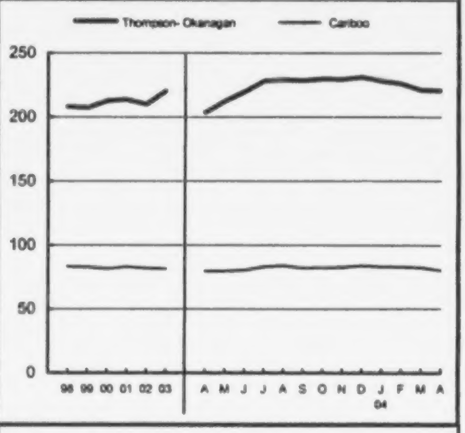
Regional District

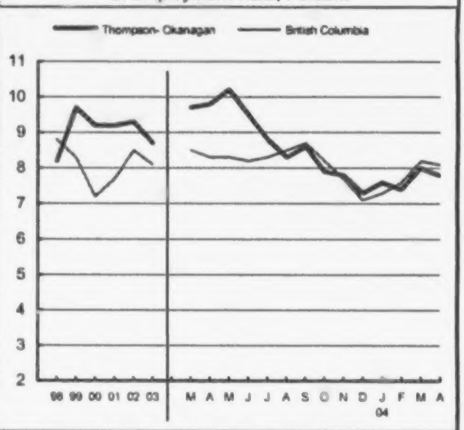
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	225.8	7.4	83.1	10.7	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	221.0	8.0	82.6	12.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	220.5	7.8	80.3	13.1	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	202.1	10.1	79.1	12.9	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	221.0	7.9	81.1	12.8	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	9.3		2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



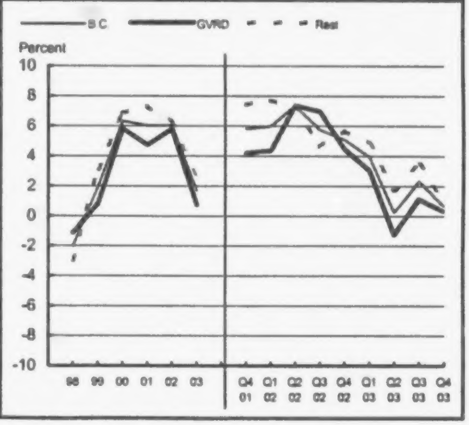
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

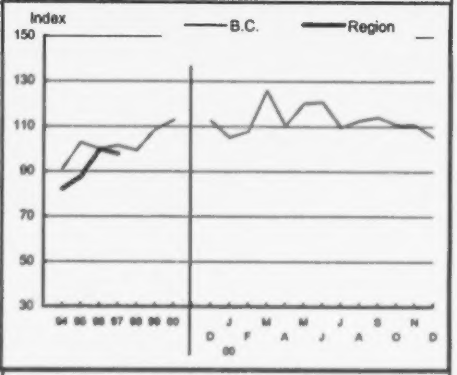
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



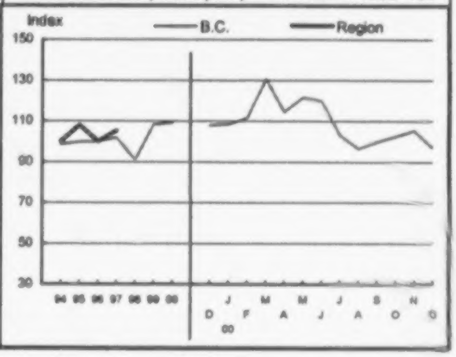
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	12	12	12	11	12
25	Wood	19	19	16	23	23
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	9	9	8	11	13
30	Metal Fabricating	9	9	10	10	10
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	80	82	86	91	88
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	106.5	101.8	106.2	187.4	129.5
25	Wood	267.0	339.1	365.8	338.6	356.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	175.9	219.4	234.3	210.6	233.1
30	Metal Fabricating	12.6	18.2	19.8	27.4	27.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	521.0	595.5	633.8	724.1	708.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	439	449	386	381	374
25	Wood	1,217	1,613	1,318	1,394	1,511
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	753	1,073	814	900	950
30	Metal Fabricating	112	138	142	153	143
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,929	3,375	2,942	3,199	3,350
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	14.2	14.5	16.5	17.4	12.3
25	Wood	52.6	67.9	62.6	67.2	77.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	34.3	45.1	39.5	43.1	50.3
30	Metal Fabricating	3.7	4.9	5.6	5.3	5.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	111.0	129.0	125.6	136.9	143.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

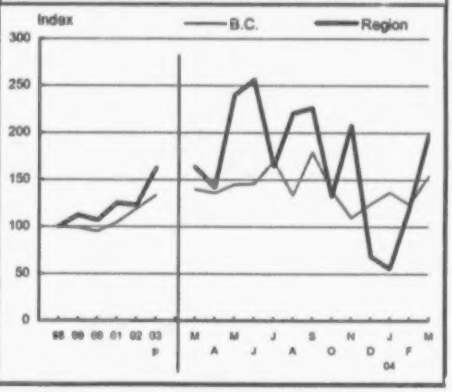


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	73.5	23.2	2.8	163.8	7.9	50.3	505
1997	83.7	21.5	3.8	155.2	6.2	62.2	568
1998	61.0	17.4	1.3	119.9	7.9	43.6	475
1999	68.4	26.5	1.9	104.3	12.3	41.9	372
2000	65.1	27.6	5.7	89.4	3.6	37.5	303
2001	76.5	36.3	4.7	143.2	5.2	40.2	312
2002	75.1	28.3	6.3	98.1	5.5	46.8	312
2003 p	98.8	28.7	8.1	175.2	6.7	70.2	448
YTD Mar '03	14.6	3.8	0.6	27.5	1.5	10.8	72
YTD Mar '04	19.0	3.1	0.6	30.2	1.4	15.9	83

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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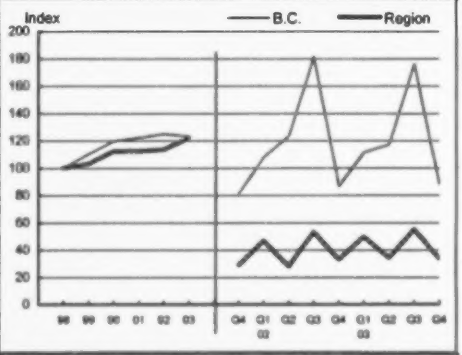
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Okanagan Regional District	1999	15,232.1	4,157.2	3,007.6	5,149.5	2,917.7
	2000	16,474.7	4,516.3	3,102.8	5,438.7	3,416.9
	2001	16,294.6	4,419.9	3,056.2	5,466.9	3,351.6
	2002	18,537.2	5,387.8	3,234.7	6,109.0	3,805.7
	2003	19,942.5	5,728.1	3,949.0	6,347.9	3,917.6
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	56,053.2	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,435.3	2.6%
Hotels	24,916.3	44.5%
1-75 Rooms	5,633.6	10.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

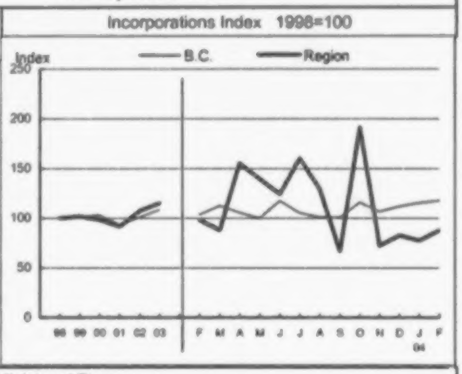


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	230
1997	271
1998	232
1999	237
2000	229
2001	213
2002	249
2003	267
Jan-Feb 03	33
Jan-Feb 04	32

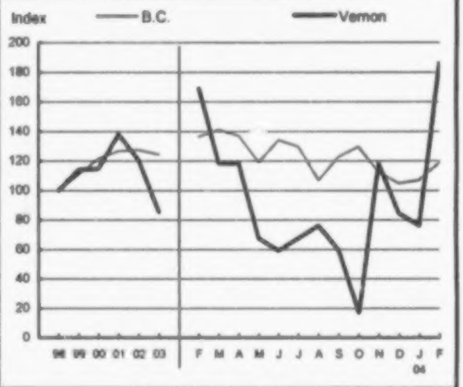
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



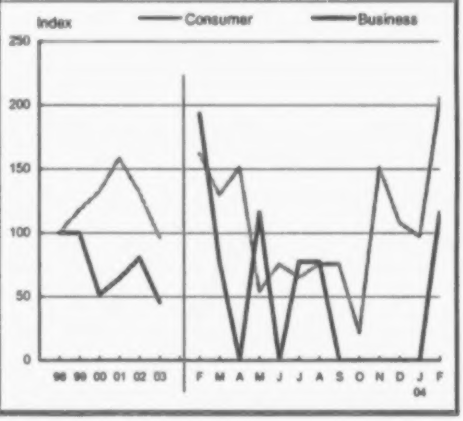
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vernon		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	131	31	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	147	16	983	148	9,184	980
2001	176	20	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	146	25	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	107	14	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	23	5	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	28	3	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vernon Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Sep '01	6.7	10.0	6.6	5.8	3.6
	Dec '01	6.5	9.6	6.0	5.8	3.5
	Mar '02	6.4	9.3	5.7	5.8	3.2
	Jun '02	5.3	7.9	4.3	4.7	2.7
	Sep '02	4.6	6.9	3.6	4.1	2.4
	Dec '02	4.4	6.4	3.4	4.0	2.1
	Mar '03	4.3	6.4	3.3	4.0	2.1
	Jun '03	4.1	6.2	3.4	3.7	2.0
	Sep '03	3.2	5.3	2.9	2.7	1.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

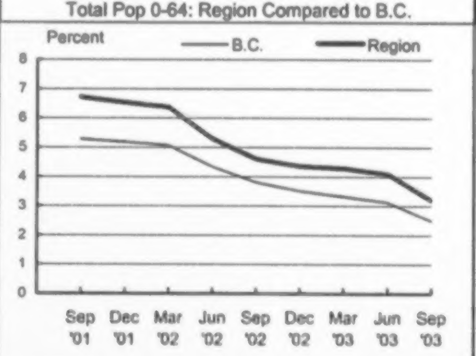
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.5	3.6	3.9	1.6	Sep '01
4.9	4.7	5.6	2.4	Dec '01
5.2	5.0	5.9	2.8	Mar '02
4.0	4.0	4.5	2.1	Jun '02
3.2	3.1	3.6	1.7	Sep '02
4.6	3.7	5.3	2.6	Dec '02
5.1	4.5	5.9	2.7	Mar '03
4.3	3.6	5.0	2.4	Jun '03
3.8	3.1	4.4	2.1	Sep '03

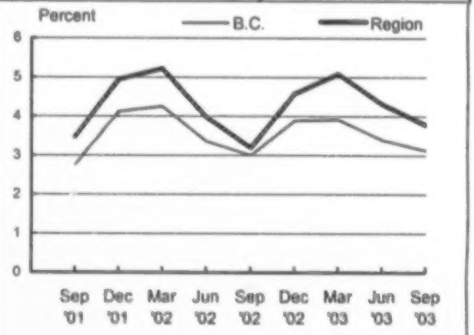
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,007	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	55.7	46.1
1-2 Years	14.4	14.9
>2 Years	29.9	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

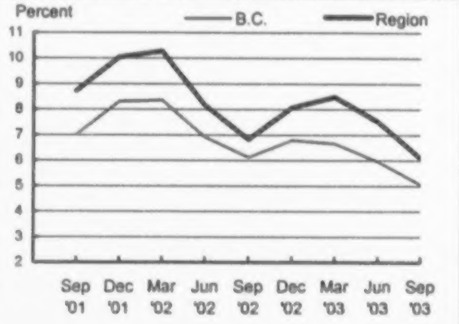
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Sep '01	8.7	9.8	9.6	4.5
	Dec '01	10.0	10.4	11.2	5.3
	Mar '02	10.3	10.3	11.6	5.5
	Jun '02	8.2	8.1	9.1	4.8
	Sep '02	6.8	6.6	7.6	4.1
	Dec '02	8.1	7.0	9.1	4.9
	Mar '03	8.5	7.6	9.8	4.8
	Jun '03	7.5	6.9	8.6	4.2
	Sep '03	6.1	5.9	7.1	3.0

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Net migration appears to be recovering from the negative values from the late nineties. The median age of the area's population is higher than the provincial median, as is the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64). As well, the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio making the overall dependency ratio approximately ten percentage points higher than it is for British Columbia as a whole. As is characteristic of rural areas, the total fertility rate is higher than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

As with most of the Okanagan, net migration should tend to be positive over the duration of the projection. The rates of in-migration may not reach those of the early nineties but should be high overall and despite the negative natural increase this area should have a high population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

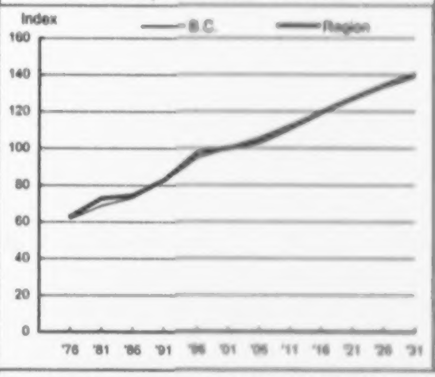
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	11.9	6.0	12.2	9.4	4.9	48.0	15.5	0.560	0.178	0.739	1976
1981	4.1	12.0	6.5	15.7	10.9	6.6	55.7	19.4	0.486	0.198	0.685	1981
1986	3.9	11.2	5.6	16.4	11.8	8.0	56.9	21.7	0.443	0.236	0.679	1986
1991	4.0	11.9	5.2	18.7	13.6	10.0	63.3	24.0	0.426	0.267	0.693	1991
1996	4.3	14.0	6.0	21.4	16.8	11.8	74.3	28.7	0.414	0.267	0.681	1996
2001	3.6	13.5	6.3	20.1	20.0	13.0	76.4	31.5	0.370	0.280	0.650	2001
2006	3.5	12.1	7.6	18.8	22.8	14.2	78.9	34.3	0.318	0.289	0.606	2006
2011	4.0	11.6	7.4	20.4	25.4	16.0	84.8	38.1	0.293	0.300	0.594	2011
2016	4.3	12.1	7.1	22.7	26.5	18.5	91.3	41.8	0.291	0.329	0.619	2016
2021	4.4	13.2	6.5	24.8	26.8	21.4	97.1	44.5	0.302	0.367	0.670	2021
2026	4.3	13.9	7.0	25.5	27.2	24.5	102.4	47.2	0.306	0.411	0.716	2026
2031	4.2	14.1	7.7	25.0	29.0	27.1	107.1	50.0	0.297	0.438	0.735	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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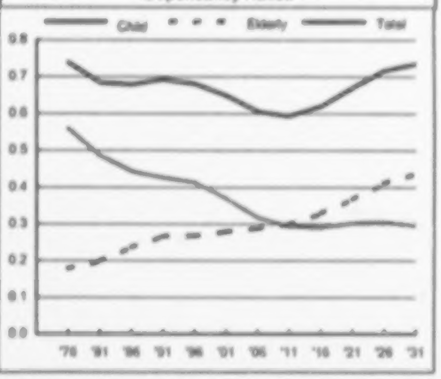


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Northern Rockies
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fort Nelson

Forestry, tourism, and oil and gas exploration are the major economic drivers for this region. There are two large processing facilities located in Fort Nelson that employ close to 600 people between them. The north-eastern region of the province is a producer of oil and gas. The propsed Alaska pipeline may go through this region to consumers in the US although the MacKenzie Valley route appears to be more likely. An oriented strand board mill has been proposed.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	291	302	33	21	3	359	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	32	21	5	1	0	27	7.5%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	14	20	3	2	0	25	7.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	43	36	2	5	0	43	12.0%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	11	5	2	0	2	9	2.5%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	10	14	4	0	0	18	5.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	18	39	2	3	0	44	12.3%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	41	44	3	1	0	48	13.4%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2	5	0	0	0	5	1.4%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	4	3	2	0	0	5	1.4%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	21	10	2	0	0	12	3.3%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	19	13	0	1	0	14	3.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	6	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	15	19	1	1	0	21	5.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	1	1	0	1	1	3	0.8%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	4	11	0	1	0	12	3.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7	4	0	0	0	4	1.1%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	11	20	7	2	0	29	8.1%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	31	36	0	0	0	36	10.0%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	0	0	3	0	3	0.8%	0.6%	878

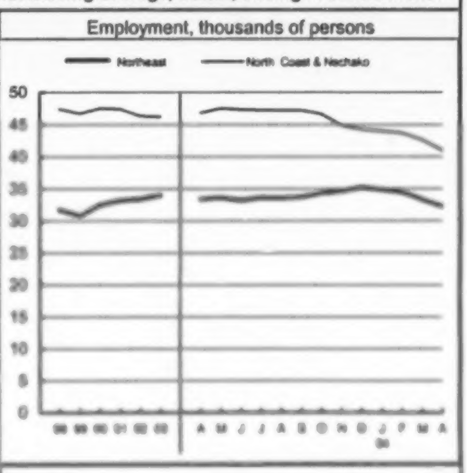
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Northern Rockies
Regional District

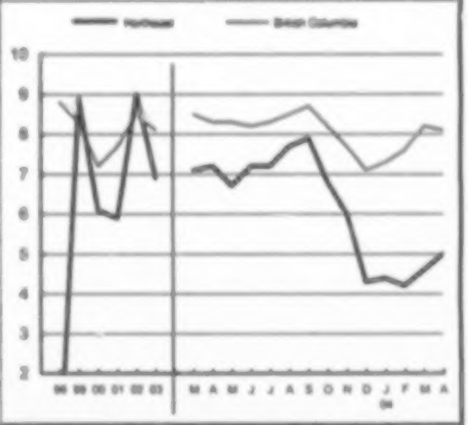
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998	31.7	NA	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2001	33.2	5.9	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
2002	33.4	9.0	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
2003	34.0	6.9	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003 Jan	33.6	8.9	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
Feb	33.7	8.2	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
Mar	33.8	7.1	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
Apr	33.4	7.2	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
May	33.6	6.7	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
Jun	33.2	7.2	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
Jul	33.6	7.2	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
Aug	33.5	7.7	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
Sep	33.7	7.9	47.2	11.4	2,060.9	8.7
Oct	34.3	6.8	46.6	10.6	2,061.6	8.2
Nov	34.6	6.0	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
Dec	35.2	4.3	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004 Jan	34.8	4.4	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
Feb	34.4	4.2	43.7	13.4	2,029.3	7.6
Mar	33.3	4.6	42.6	13.0	2,014.5	8.2
Apr	32.2	5.0	41.0	13.9	2,011.8	8.1
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Apr03	33.5	7.6	46.3	11.2	1,977.0	8.5
Jan-Apr04	32.6	5.0	41.9	13.9	2,015.1	8.1
% Change	-2.5		-9.7		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



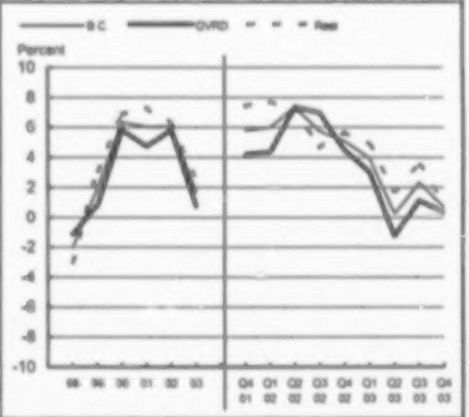
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

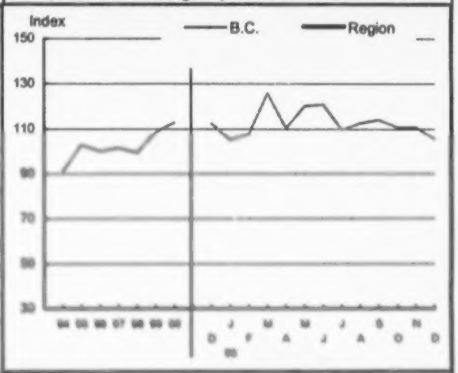
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



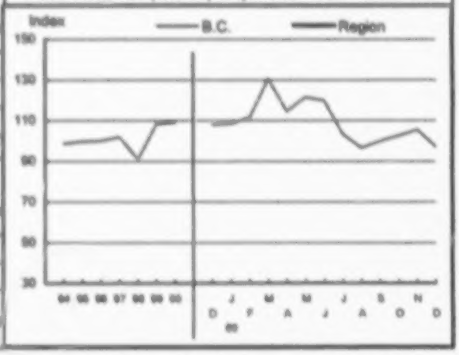
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	3	2	3	3	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	2	1	2	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	1	1	1	1	1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6	5	7	7	7
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	251.1
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	842
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	44.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

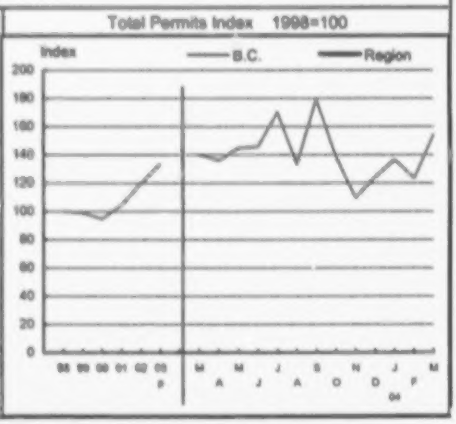


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2003 p	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Mar '03	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Mar '04	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Northern Rockies
Regional District

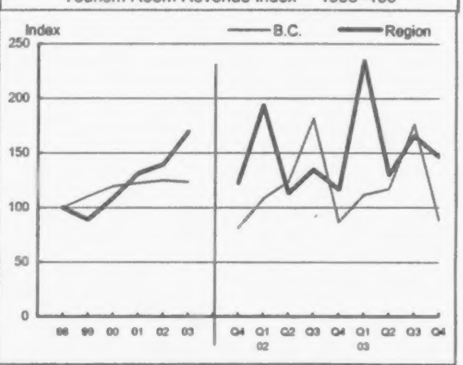
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Peace River R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northern Rockies Regional District	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	37,904.2	13,153.3	7,696.9	9,143.1	7,910.9
	2003	46,006.1	15,934.8	8,830.6	11,275.8	9,964.9
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	46,006.1	100.0%
Hotels	20,043.4	43.6%
Motels	11,129.1	24.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

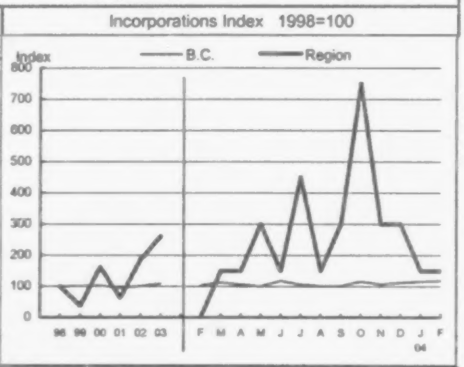


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	7
1997	6
1998	8
1999	3
2000	13
2001	5
2002	15
2003	21
Jan-Feb 03	1
Jan-Feb 04	2

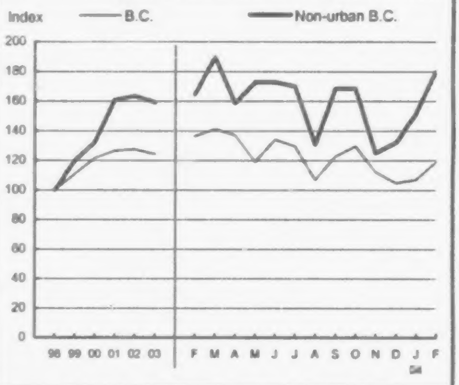
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



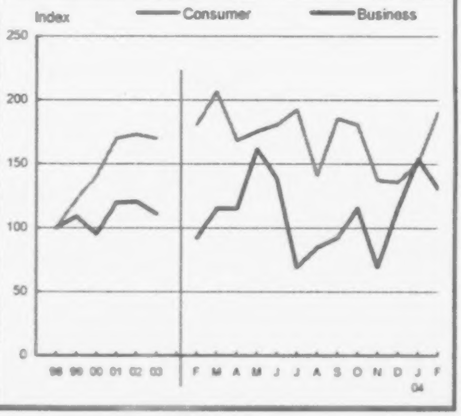
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		Fort St. John		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	854	170	85	16	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	88	14	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	80	11	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	73	11	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	92	13	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	195	33	16	3	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	199	37	13	0	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Sep '01	3.3	5.0	-	2.4	2.4
	Dec '01	3.4	4.9	3.6	2.5	2.2
	Mar '02	1.8	2.7	1.9	1.3	1.5
	Jun '02	1.5	2.4	1.5	1.0	1.2
	Sep '02	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.0	1.0
	Dec '02	1.2	1.5	-	1.0	0.9
	Mar '03	1.1	1.6	-	0.8	0.8
	Jun '03	1.4	1.9	-	1.2	1.1
	Sep '03	1.4	2.4	-	0.9	1.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

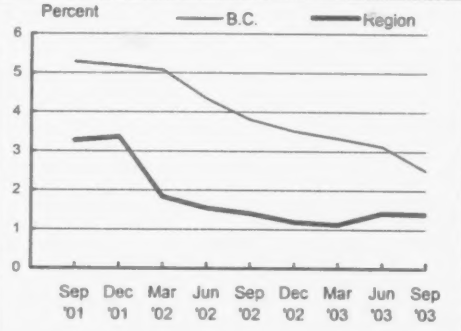
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	4.7	3.0	3.1	Sep '01
4.2	6.7	3.7	3.7	Dec '01
3.6	6.1	3.4	2.4	Mar '02
5.3	9.2	4.7	4.5	Jun '02
4.3	6.9	4.0	2.1	Sep '02
5.0	6.7	4.8	3.3	Dec '02
4.1	6.3	3.9	2.0	Mar '03
5.6	6.4	5.4	5.6	Jun '03
5.4	7.1	5.3	4.0	Sep '03

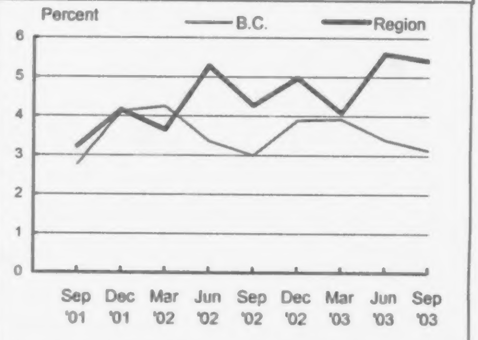
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	75	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	64.0	46.1
1-2 Years	18.7	14.9
>2 Years	17.3	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

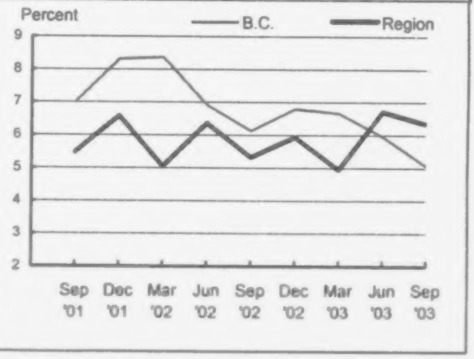
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Sep '01	5.5	-	5.2	-
	Dec '01	6.6	10.3	6.0	5.8
	Mar '02	5.0	8.0	4.6	4.4
	Jun '02	6.4	10.7	5.6	6.5
	Sep '02	5.3	8.1	5.0	4.1
	Dec '02	5.9	-	5.7	-
	Mar '03	5.0	-	4.7	-
	Jun '03	6.7	-	6.5	-
	Sep '03	6.3	-	6.2	-

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Northern Rockies
Regional District

13 Demographics

The economic dependence on the resource sectors and the male-dominant employment in these sectors is the main reason for the heavy weighting of males in the population in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The remoteness of the area is likely the reason why the median age of the population is far lower than the provincial median as few elderly move to the area and the median age of death is so low. The total fertility rate is higher than the provincial rate, and is likely partially the reason for a higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. There is a very small proportion of elderly in the population compared to British Columbia as a whole.

14 Projection

Net migration will likely remain negative in the short-term, but should become positive as the resource sector is expected to recuperate. Natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will gradually drop over the projection period, being positive for the most part; therefore there should be an overall tendency towards population increase for the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

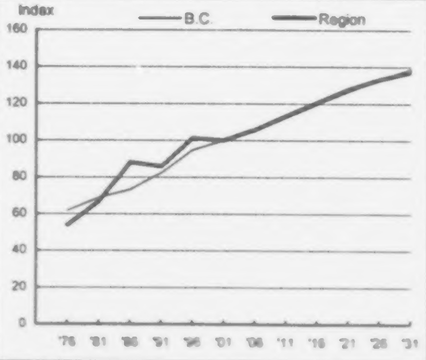
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.0	3.3	1.2	0.711	0.021	0.732	1976
1981	0.5	1.0	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.1	4.0	1.6	0.562	0.020	0.581	1981
1986	0.7	1.2	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.1	5.3	1.7	0.577	0.026	0.602	1986
1991	0.5	1.2	0.6	2.0	0.7	0.2	5.2	1.7	0.542	0.046	0.588	1991
1996	0.6	1.4	0.7	2.5	0.8	0.1	6.1	2.0	0.496	0.036	0.533	1996
2001	0.5	1.4	0.7	2.3	1.1	0.2	6.0	2.1	0.459	0.048	0.506	2001
2006	0.4	1.3	0.7	2.2	1.5	0.2	6.4	2.2	0.395	0.056	0.451	2006
2011	0.4	1.2	0.7	2.3	1.8	0.4	6.9	2.5	0.336	0.076	0.412	2011
2016	0.4	1.1	0.8	2.4	2.1	0.5	7.3	2.8	0.290	0.101	0.391	2016
2021	0.4	1.1	0.6	2.5	2.2	0.8	7.7	3.1	0.283	0.152	0.435	2021
2026	0.4	1.1	0.6	2.6	2.2	1.1	8.1	3.3	0.280	0.206	0.487	2026
2031	0.4	1.1	0.6	2.5	2.4	1.4	8.3	3.4	0.276	0.257	0.533	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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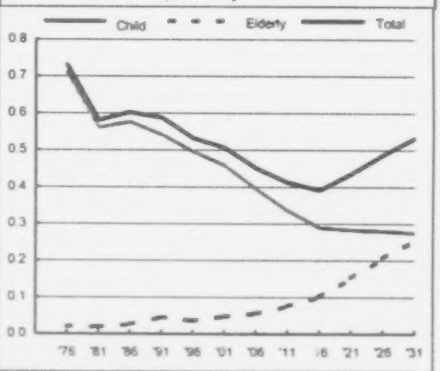


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Princeton, Summerland

Agriculture has traditionally been the main economic activity for this region. Although this sector has diminished somewhat in importance, it is still an important factor of the economy, and this area remains one of the more important centres of agriculture in the province. The relatively warm climate makes this area very attractive to retirees. Other economic activities include tourism and forestry. The two major mines in the area—the Similco Mine at Princeton, and the Nickel Plate Mine at Hedley—have shut down in the last few years. The mine at Hedley closed due to ore depletion, but the Similco mine still has reserves remaining and could reopen once copper prices improve. The secondary processing activity, particularly in and around Penticton, helps to diversify the economy.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Okanagan-Similkameen							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Em-ployees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,488	2,729	180	76	10	2,995	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	220	409	19	2	0	430	14.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	17	3	0	0	1	4	0.1%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	5	6	2	0	0	8	0.3%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	400	297	14	5	1	317	10.6%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	105	119	20	15	0	154	5.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	81	94	4	4	0	102	3.4%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	216	341	35	15	2	393	13.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	110	108	3	0	0	111	3.7%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	27	27	2	0	0	29	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	119	77	5	1	0	83	2.8%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	333	115	5	2	1	123	4.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	247	186	3	1	0	190	6.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	126	45	2	0	0	47	1.6%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	88	121	3	2	0	126	4.2%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	19	29	0	3	2	34	1.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	29	225	19	9	1	254	8.5%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	49	58	5	1	0	64	2.1%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	138	213	36	12	1	262	8.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	159	230	2	2	0	234	7.8%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	26	1	2	1	30	1.0%	0.6%	878

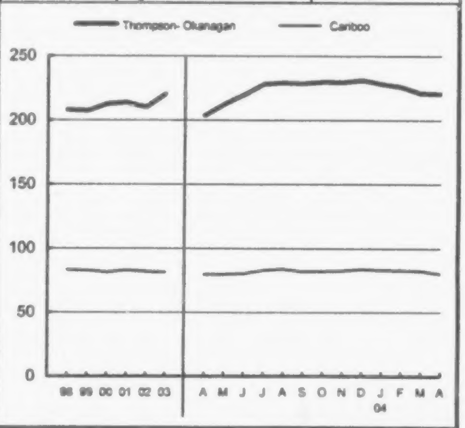
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

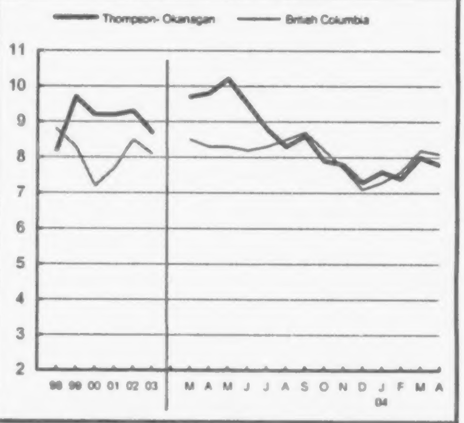
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	225.8	7.4	83.1	10.7	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	221.0	8.0	82.6	12.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	220.5	7.8	80.3	13.1	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	202.1	10.1	79.1	12.9	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	221.0	7.9	81.1	12.8	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	9.3		2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



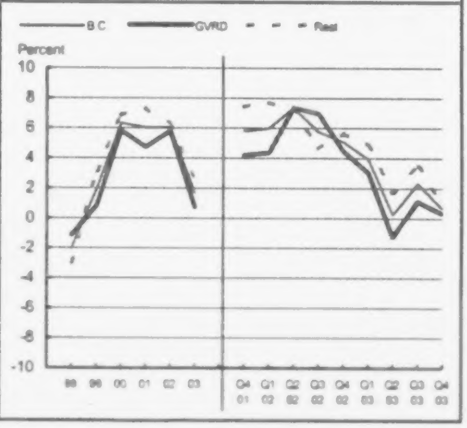
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual data	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly data	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

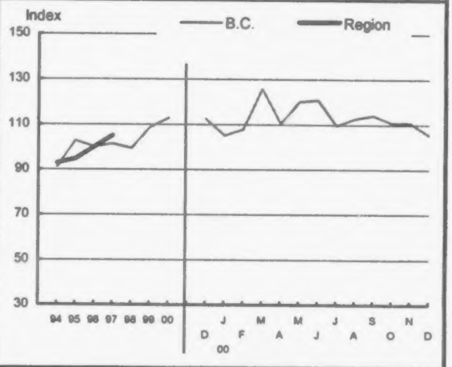


Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

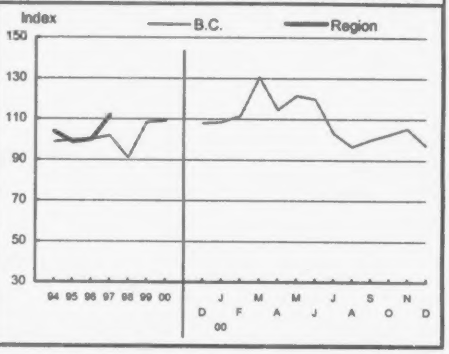
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	5	4	5	4	3
25	Wood	12	11	11	15	15
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	2	2	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	8	10	11	15	15
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	67	65	76	85	83
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	10.7	12.0	13.3	24.7	**
25	Wood	131.4	148.5	141.6	143.3	160.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	6.9	15.4	21.5	24.3	23.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	304.9	344.7	351.6	371.1	390.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	146	168	156	235	**
25	Wood	569	629	576	626	611
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	75	121	188	217	224
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,833	2,007	2,089	2,242	2,268
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	2.8	3.1	3.2	5.6	**
25	Wood	22.0	23.6	24.7	27.0	30.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	3.2	6.0	7.0	7.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	61.1	65.5	72.7	79.6	86.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

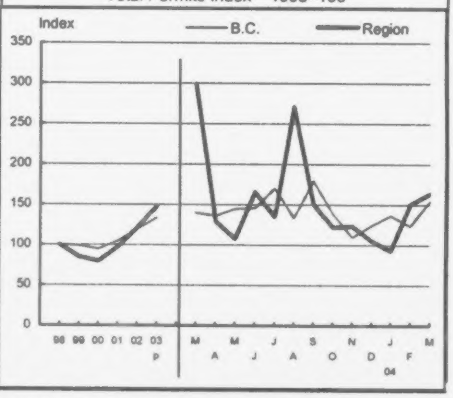


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	94.4	38.5	2.8	168.5	17.0	55.9	493
1997	71.9	24.8	8.1	178.3	4.4	47.1	415
1998	68.9	21.5	2.4	186.9	7.1	47.3	487
1999	58.5	19.4	3.1	244.8	3.2	39.1	332
2000	54.7	24.7	3.1	219.0	6.0	30.1	194
2001	67.1	35.1	2.5	174.3	15.3	32.0	229
2002	83.7	23.4	3.7	164.2	6.7	60.3	453
2003 p	102.2	29.2	3.2	234.6	12.4	73.0	516
YTD Mar '03	27.0	13.9	1.2	32.8	10.8	13.2	100
YTD Mar '04	23.4	4.5	0.2	22.3	0.0	18.9	128

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

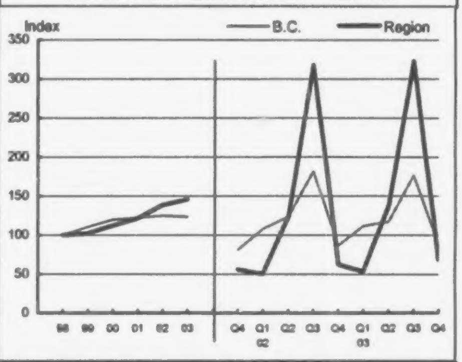
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	1999	26,236.7	2,977.5	5,239.0	15,210.7	2,809.5
	2000	28,847.6	2,581.6	6,025.5	16,820.7	3,419.7
	2001	31,206.2	2,855.6	6,732.7	18,019.3	3,598.6
	2002	35,571.5	3,237.9	7,922.7	20,395.9	4,015.0
	2003	37,390.1	3,413.5	8,826.9	20,716.8	4,432.8
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	37,390.1	100.0%
Hotels	18,829.2	50.4%
Motels	14,843.5	39.7%
Vacation Rentals	2,742.6	7.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

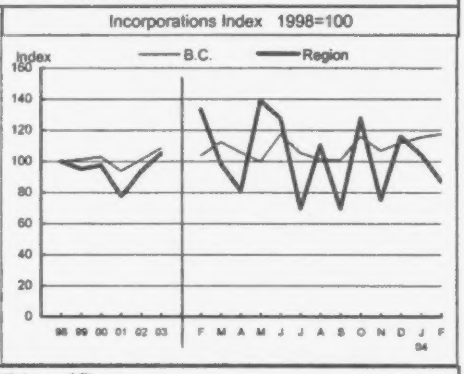


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	202
1997	242
1998	207
1999	197
2000	202
2001	161
2002	194
2003	218
Jan-Feb 03	43
Jan-Feb 04	33

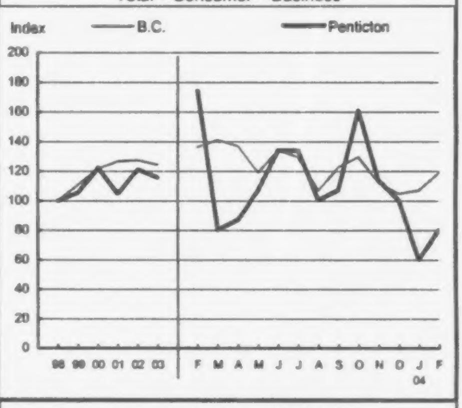
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



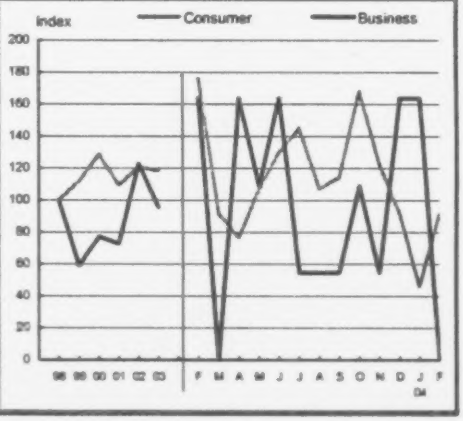
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Penticton		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	176	13	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	202	17	983	148	9,184	980
2001	172	16	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	190	27	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	186	21	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	35	4	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	18	3	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Penticton Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Sep '01	6.9	10.7	8.1	5.9	3.4
	Dec '01	6.9	10.3	8.1	6.1	3.2
	Mar '02	6.7	10.2	7.9	6.0	3.2
	Jun '02	5.3	8.3	5.6	4.7	2.6
	Sep '02	4.1	6.4	3.6	3.7	2.1
	Dec '02	4.0	5.9	3.5	3.7	1.9
	Mar '03	3.9	6.0	3.4	3.6	1.8
	Jun '03	3.6	5.5	3.2	3.3	1.7
	Sep '03	2.6	4.4	2.6	2.3	1.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

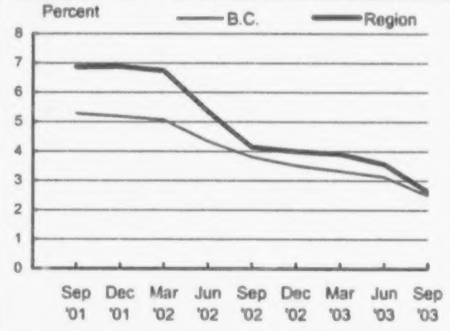
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
	2.9	2.9	3.4	1.4	Sep '01
	5.5	4.8	6.3	3.1	Dec '01
	6.0	5.6	7.0	3.1	Mar '02
	3.6	3.3	4.2	2.1	Jun '02
	3.0	2.3	3.7	1.6	Sep '02
	5.4	4.5	6.3	3.3	Dec '02
	5.6	4.8	6.5	3.5	Mar '03
	3.9	3.2	4.5	2.3	Jun '03
	3.5	3.0	4.2	1.9	Sep '03

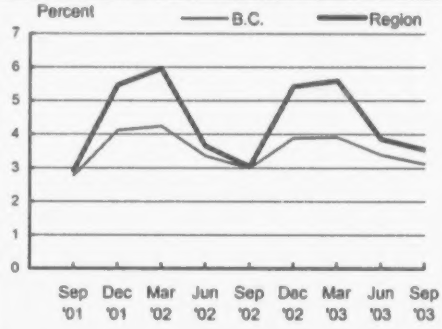
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,550	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	53.9	46.1
1-2 Years	14.3	14.9
>2 Years	31.7	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

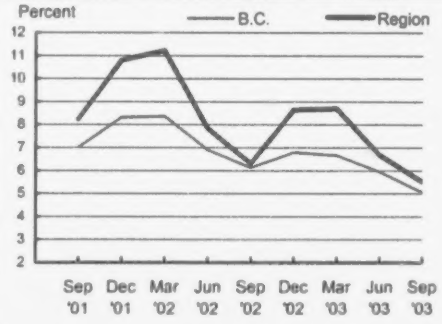
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Sep '01	8.2	10.8	9.1	3.9
	Dec '01	10.8	12.4	12.1	5.8
	Mar '02	11.2	13.1	12.7	5.5
	Jun '02	7.8	8.8	8.8	4.3
	Sep '02	6.3	5.9	7.3	3.5
	Dec '02	8.6	7.8	9.9	5.3
	Mar '03	8.7	8.0	10.0	5.3
	Jun '03	6.7	6.3	7.7	3.8
	Sep '03	5.5	5.6	6.4	2.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Okanagan-Similkameen

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13 Demographics

Like the rest of the Okanagan, this region experienced tremendous growth in the last decade due to very high net migration inflows. The pleasant climate of this area makes it a popular place to retire, and as a result, the median age of the population of this region is substantially higher than the provincial median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is over twice that of the province as a whole. The older age structure is responsible for the gender bias in favour of females, since women tend to live longer than men do.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is negative in this region, and will likely become even more negative over the projection period. However, it is expected that net migration to this area will continue to be high, which will compensate for the increasing number of deaths. The shutdowns in the mining sector will likely have only a small impact on the region as a whole. This area is high in mineral potential and there is a possibility of new mines opening.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

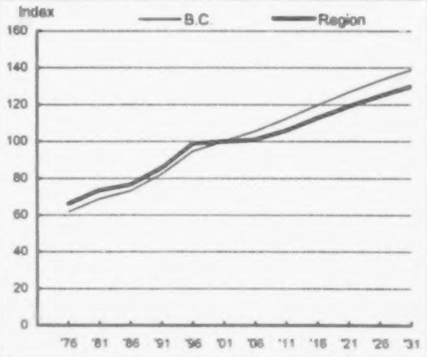
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.1	11.3	6.2	11.8	12.5	7.8	52.7	18.5	0.471	0.256	0.727	1976
1981	3.5	10.6	6.3	14.3	13.5	10.3	58.5	22.6	0.413	0.302	0.714	1981
1986	3.6	10.0	5.3	15.6	13.8	12.7	61.0	25.4	0.392	0.365	0.756	1986
1991	3.8	10.9	4.7	17.9	15.5	15.5	68.3	28.1	0.384	0.408	0.792	1991
1996	3.9	12.3	5.4	19.9	18.8	18.5	78.8	33.5	0.369	0.419	0.788	1996
2001	3.3	12.1	5.1	18.1	21.2	19.8	79.6	35.6	0.349	0.446	0.795	2001
2006	3.0	10.9	6.5	16.2	22.9	21.0	80.4	37.1	0.303	0.461	0.764	2006
2011	3.4	9.9	6.5	17.3	24.9	22.4	84.4	40.4	0.273	0.459	0.732	2011
2016	3.7	10.0	6.2	19.5	25.6	24.6	89.8	43.8	0.268	0.478	0.746	2016
2021	3.9	11.0	5.7	21.7	25.5	27.1	94.8	46.3	0.281	0.512	0.793	2021
2026	3.9	11.7	5.7	22.8	25.3	29.9	99.3	48.4	0.290	0.555	0.845	2026
2031	3.8	12.1	6.3	22.2	26.9	32.2	103.4	50.9	0.286	0.581	0.867	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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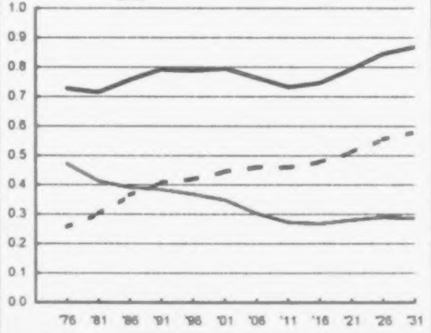

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Peace River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Pouce Coupe, Taylor, Tumbler Ridge

The economy of this region is fairly diversified, with coal mining, oil and gas exploration, forestry and agriculture all being important economic activities. The north-eastern region of the province is a producer of oil and gas, and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a large number of people. Rising energy prices coupled with new gas discoveries created a lot of activity in the Fort St. John area recently. The Ladyfern gas field, just north of Ft. St. John, is among the largest in the world. One of the two major coal mines in the area, Quintette, was shut down in August, 2000. The Bullmoose mine will continue to supply coal to Japanese markets until the spring of 2003 when reserves run out. Two other coal mines will likely go ahead in the near future in the Chetwynd area.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,053	2,592	216	91	15	2,914	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	778	262	12	0	0	274	9.4%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	177	205	23	9	1	238	8.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	6	0	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	407	336	28	16	3	383	13.1%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	70	59	1	8	2	70	2.4%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	64	106	16	2	0	124	4.3%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	140	228	23	14	0	265	9.1%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	342	267	13	7	1	288	9.9%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	8	25	3	1	0	29	1.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	60	33	9	0	0	42	1.4%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	221	79	8	3	1	91	3.1%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	210	222	13	3	0	238	8.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	85	19	1	2	0	22	0.8%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	112	118	3	2	0	123	4.2%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	10	24	1	0	3	28	1.0%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	19	144	13	5	3	165	5.7%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	23	47	3	0	0	50	1.7%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	75	114	36	13	1	164	5.6%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	252	291	9	1	0	301	10.3%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	7	1	5	0	13	0.4%	0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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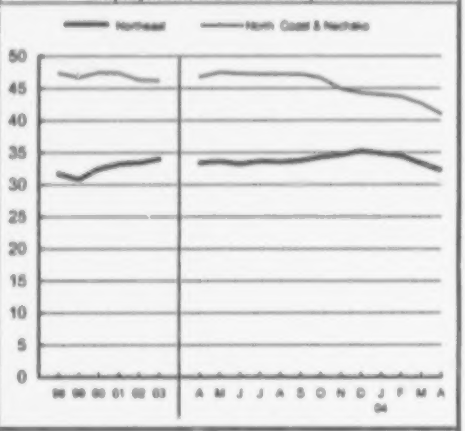
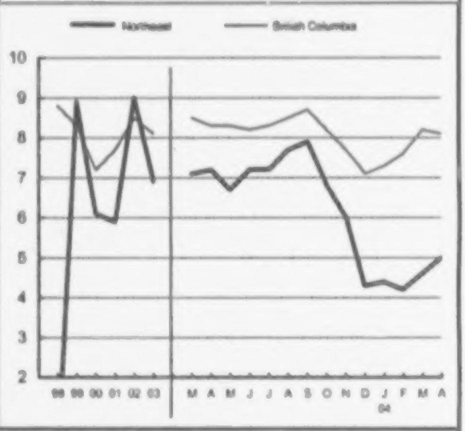
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	31.7	NA	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	33.2	5.9	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	33.4	9.0	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	34.0	6.9	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	33.6	8.9	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	33.7	8.2	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	33.8	7.1	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	33.4	7.2	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
	May	33.6	6.7	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	33.2	7.2	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	33.6	7.2	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	33.5	7.7	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	33.7	7.9	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	34.3	6.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	34.6	6.0	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	35.2	4.3	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	34.8	4.4	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	34.4	4.2	43.7	13.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	33.3	4.6	42.6	13.0	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	32.2	5.0	41.0	13.9	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	33.5	7.6	46.3	11.2	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	32.6	5.0	41.9	13.9	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-2.5		-9.7		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



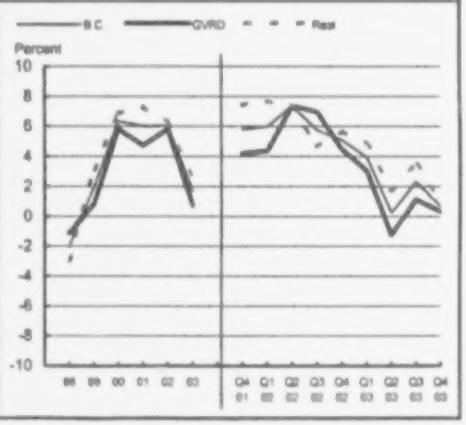
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

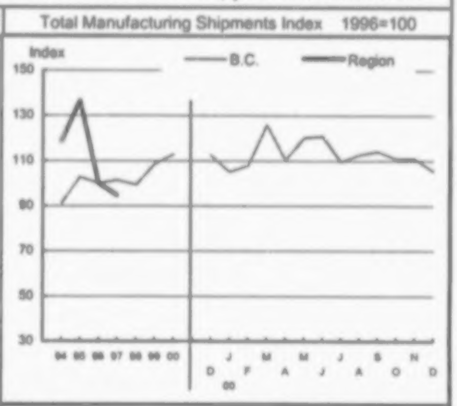
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



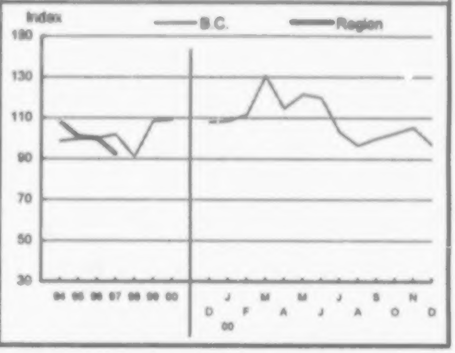
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	2	2
25	Wood	8	8	7	7	7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	5	5	5	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	8	8	8	8	8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	33	33	33	34	33
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	8.5	**	**	**
25	Wood	258.4	297.6	277.3	275.1	253.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	5.4	9.8	10.6	10.1	9.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	341.0	468.1	539.7	394.8	373.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	42	**	**	**
25	Wood	707	670	623	646	786
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	61	88	90	86	86
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,188	1,228	1,262	1,181	1,371
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	1.2	**	**	**
25	Wood	35.0	33.6	31.7	32.0	40.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	3.1	3.3	3.0	2.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	53.1	57.2	61.7	57.7	68.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

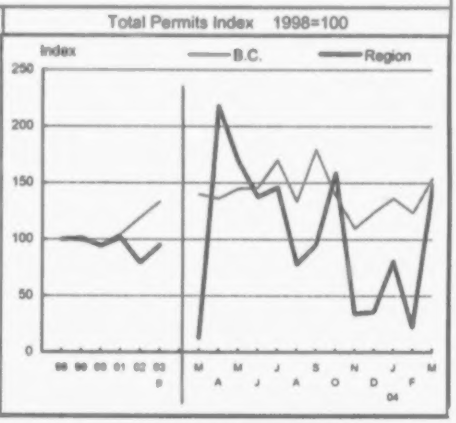


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	41.7	22.2	2.7	n/a	2.5	19.5	131
1997	47.6	20.4	0.3	n/a	0.9	27.2	231
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	n/a	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.4	30.4	5.0	n/a	3.3	29.0	330
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	n/a	3.5	27.8	241
2001	59.5	34.3	1.7	n/a	16.6	25.2	189
2002	46.7	26.0	5.0	n/a	1.5	20.7	133
2003 p	55.6	28.0	6.8	n/a	1.3	27.6	253
YTD Mar '03	3.2	2.3	0.3	n/a	0.1	0.9	10
YTD Mar '04	12.3	9.4	6.0	n/a	1.5	2.9	13

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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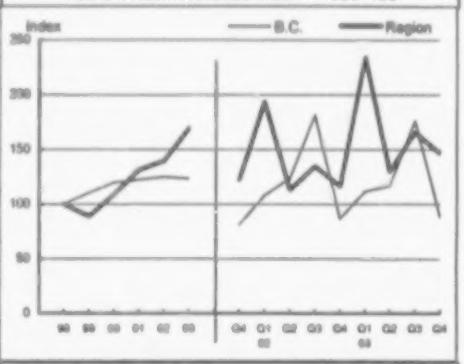
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Northern Rockies R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northern Rockies Regional District	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	37,904.2	13,153.3	7,696.9	9,143.1	7,910.9
	2003	46,006.1	15,934.8	8,830.6	11,275.8	9,964.9
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	46,006.1	100.0%
Hotels	20,043.4	43.6%
Motels	11,129.1	24.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

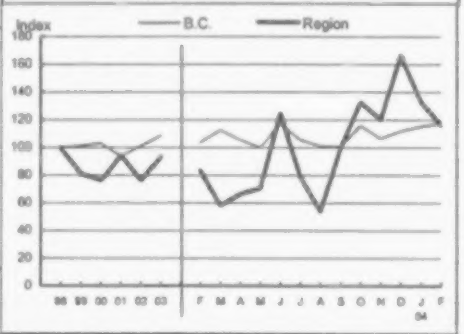


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	246
1997	296
1998	289
1999	234
2000	221
2001	272
2002	221
2003	270
Jan-Feb 03	36
Jan-Feb 04	60

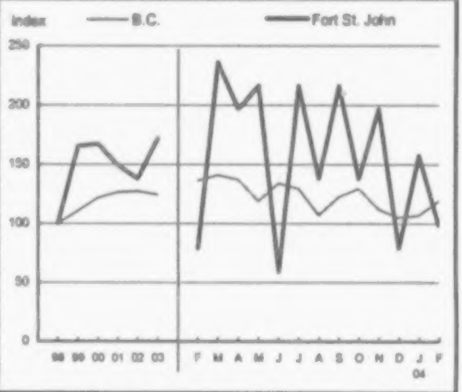
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



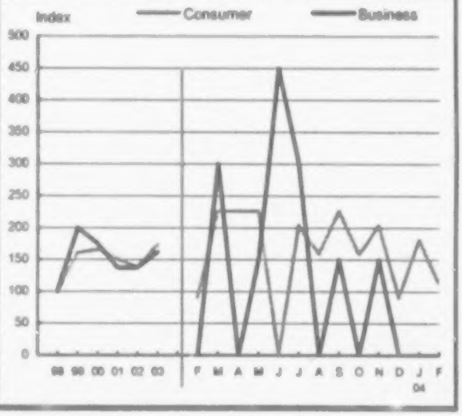
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Fort St. John		Dawson Creek		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	85	16	21	3	8,181	1,077
2000	88	14	30	3	9,184	980
2001	80	11	31	7	9,476	1,101
2002	73	11	32	6	9,531	1,107
2003	92	13	27	7	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	16	3	6	3	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	13	0	1	1	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Fort St. John Indices 1998=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Peace River Regional District	Sep '01	4.9	6.1	6.8	4.0	3.0
	Dec '01	4.8	5.8	7.3	4.0	2.7
	Mar '02	4.5	5.6	6.0	3.7	2.6
	Jun '02	3.7	4.7	4.6	3.1	2.2
	Sep '02	3.2	4.1	3.6	2.6	1.9
	Dec '02	3.0	3.9	3.0	2.5	1.8
	Mar '03	2.6	3.3	2.8	2.1	1.6
	Jun '03	2.5	3.2	2.4	2.1	1.5
	Sep '03	2.2	3.1	2.0	1.8	1.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

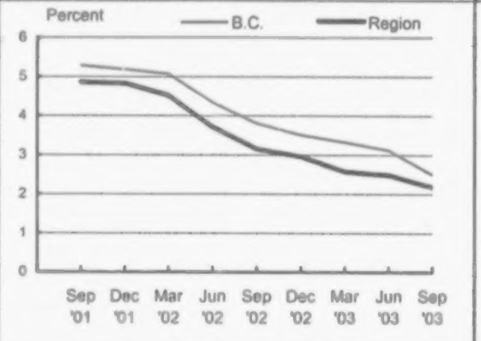
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.8	3.9	3.9	2.8	Sep '01
4.4	5.5	4.5	3.1	Dec '01
4.3	5.1	4.4	2.6	Mar '02
5.6	6.7	5.8	3.1	Jun '02
4.4	4.7	4.6	2.8	Sep '02
5.1	6.2	5.2	3.2	Dec '02
4.3	5.1	4.4	2.5	Mar '03
5.7	6.7	5.8	3.8	Jun '03
4.8	5.6	4.9	3.5	Sep '03

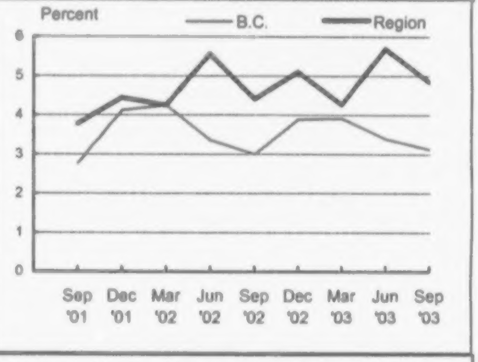
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,134	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	61.6	46.1
1-2 Years	10.8	14.9
>2 Years	27.5	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

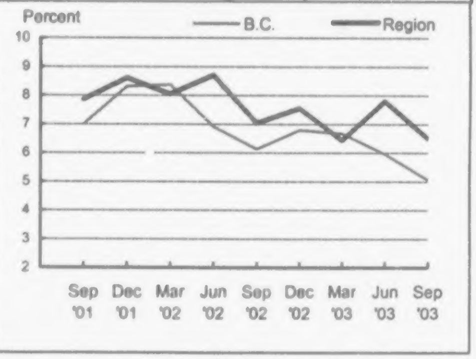
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Peace River Regional District	Sep '01	7.9	10.4	7.7	5.8
	Dec '01	8.6	12.4	8.3	6.3
	Mar '02	8.0	10.9	7.9	5.6
	Jun '02	8.7	11.1	8.8	5.7
	Sep '02	7.0	8.2	7.1	5.2
	Dec '02	7.5	9.1	7.6	5.5
	Mar '03	6.4	7.9	6.5	4.6
	Jun '03	7.8	9.0	7.9	5.8
	Sep '03	6.5	7.6	6.7	4.4

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Peace River
Regional District

13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the mining and forestry sectors, which tend to have male-dominated employment, the gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males. The total fertility rate is higher in this area, and could partially explain the higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. As a result, the median age of the population is lower than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The increased activity in the oil and gas industry should result in population growth for this region, although it will be mitigated in the short-term by the layoffs in the forests and mines. The long-term growth combined with a positive natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will result in trend of positive population growth for the area until the end of the projection period.The Ladyfern gas field, just north of Ft. St. John, is among the largest in the world.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

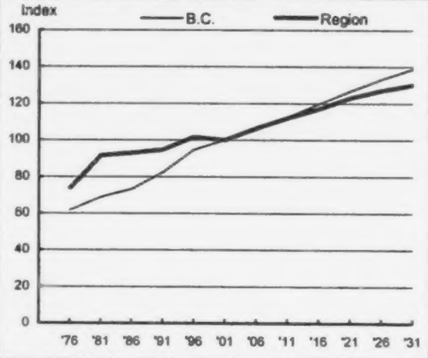
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.1	12.9	5.6	11.8	6.3	2.0	42.7	11.7	0.719	0.085	0.805	1976
1981	5.2	13.0	8.9	16.3	7.3	2.4	53.0	16.2	0.560	0.073	0.632	1981
1986	5.3	12.3	6.9	18.4	8.3	2.8	53.9	18.4	0.524	0.082	0.606	1986
1991	5.0	12.2	5.8	19.3	9.1	3.3	54.8	19.1	0.503	0.098	0.601	1991
1996	5.0	13.0	6.0	20.5	10.6	3.8	58.9	20.6	0.485	0.103	0.588	1996
2001	4.1	12.2	6.0	19.0	12.2	4.4	58.0	21.7	0.440	0.119	0.559	2001
2006	3.8	12.0	6.4	19.0	15.1	5.4	61.7	23.2	0.390	0.133	0.523	2006
2011	3.8	11.1	6.6	19.0	17.8	6.5	64.9	25.5	0.345	0.151	0.496	2011
2016	3.9	10.5	6.5	19.5	19.1	8.2	67.8	27.8	0.320	0.182	0.502	2016
2021	4.0	10.7	5.9	20.5	19.8	10.3	71.2	29.8	0.317	0.222	0.539	2021
2026	3.9	10.8	5.7	20.8	19.7	12.7	73.6	31.2	0.319	0.274	0.594	2026
2031	3.8	10.9	5.8	20.4	19.7	14.9	75.5	32.4	0.320	0.325	0.645	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

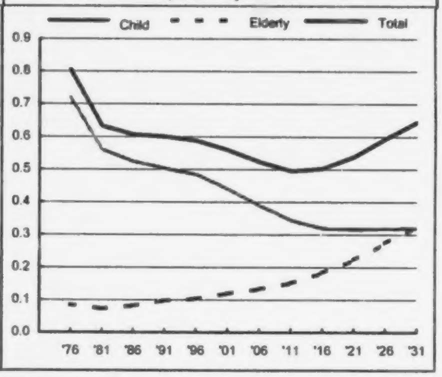
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Powell River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Powell River

Unlike the rest of the coast which had a drop in AAC, the Powell River region did not have an appreciable change in harvest quotas. Just prior to the end of the softwood lumber agreement, Norske Skog laid off 275 employees (early 2002). In an attempt to continue to lower costs, Norse Skog is actively working to lower the amount of taxes paid. Fishers also work out of the ports taking advantage of wild fish as well as shell fish. Quotas may soon be imposed on the prawn fishery as competion increases for the deminishing resource.

Planning groups have outlined goals for development aimed at diversification of activities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Powell River							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	595	623	39	20	4	686	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	79	70	8	2	0	80	11.7%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	-	3	0	2	0	5	0.7%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	109	70	4	0	0	74	10.8%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	24	29	2	0	1	32	4.7%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	17	16	3	1	0	20	2.9%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	45	88	4	3	0	95	13.8%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	31	33	2	1	0	36	5.2%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	4	7	0	1	0	8	1.2%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	20	8	3	0	0	11	1.6%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	67	23	2	0	0	25	3.6%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	58	53	0	0	0	53	7.7%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	21	8	0	0	0	8	1.2%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	42	25	0	1	0	26	3.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	2	4	0	0	1	5	0.7%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	7	66	1	4	1	72	10.5%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14	16	1	0	0	17	2.5%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	22	47	4	5	0	56	8.2%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	32	50	4	0	0	54	7.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	7	1	0	1	9	1.3%	0.6%	878

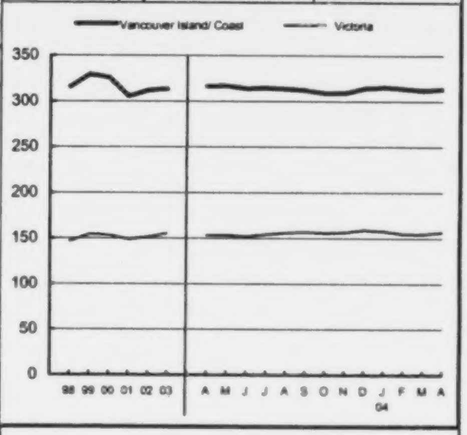
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Powell River
Regional District

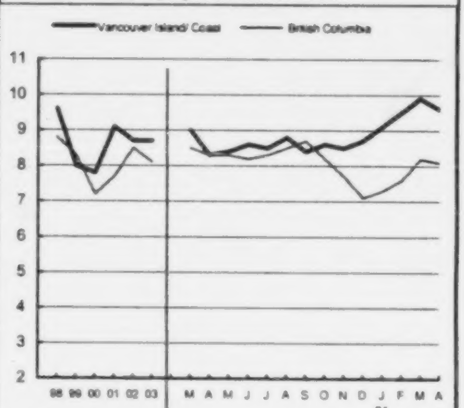
3. Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1994		0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2001		305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
2002		311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
2003		313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	313.6	9.5	155.0	5.4	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	312.0	9.9	154.9	5.4	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	313.2	9.6	157.1	4.4	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	313.4	8.8	152.8	6.0	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	312.7	9.5	156.2	5.1	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-0.2		2.2		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



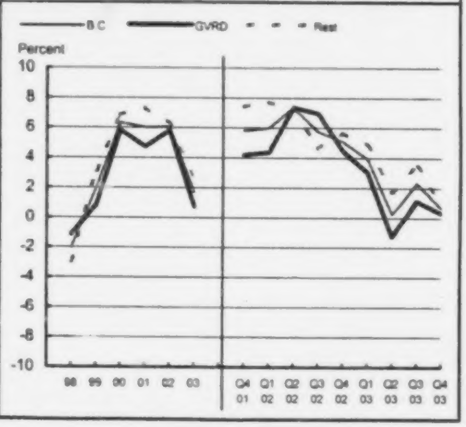
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

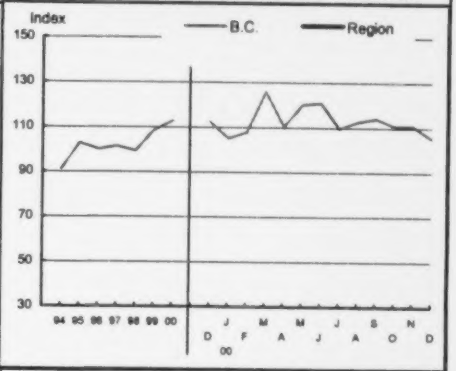
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



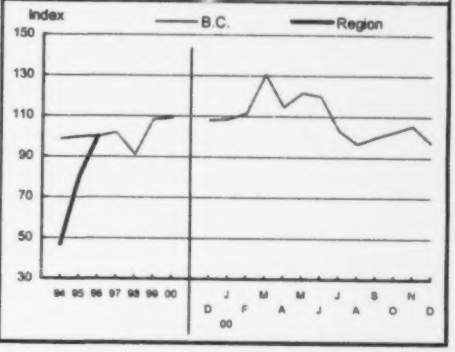
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	1	1
25	Wood	4	4	6	6	3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1	1	2	1	0
30	Metal Fabricating	3	3	3	3	2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11	11	15	18	14
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	**	5.5	9.4	11.7	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	3.0	4.1	3.0	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	**	**
25	Wood	**	52	66	55	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	21	30	23	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	**	1.6	2.0	2.1	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	0.9	1.4	1.0	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

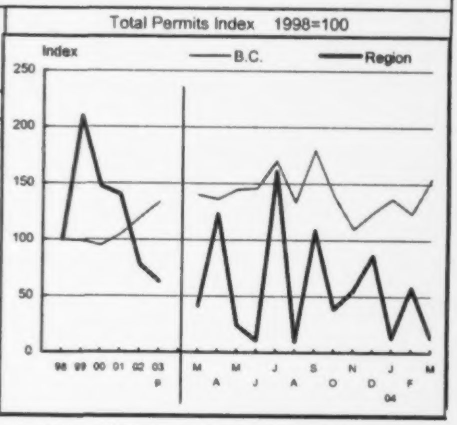


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	13.8	2.5	0.0	13.8	0.8	11.4	126
1997	9.9	2.1	0.4	9.9	0.1	7.8	65
1998	5.4	2.4	0.4	5.4	0.2	3.0	19
1999	11.3	5.8	0.2	11.3	0.2	5.5	40
2000	7.9	4.0	0.0	7.9	0.4	4.0	18
2001	7.5	2.4	0.0	7.5	0.4	5.1	60
2002	4.2	0.4	0.0	4.2	0.3	3.8	18
2003 p	3.4	0.8	0.0	3.4	0.5	2.6	13
YTD Mar '03	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	6
YTD Mar '04	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	3

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Powell River
Regional District

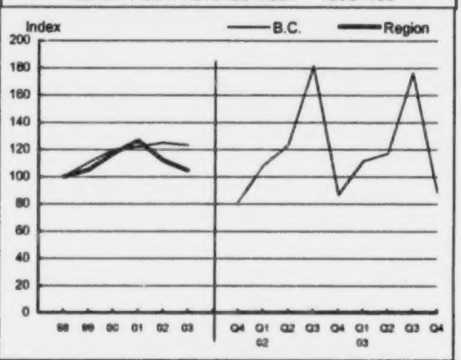
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Powell River Regional District	1999	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2000	0.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2001	3,482.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2002	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2003	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,177.9	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

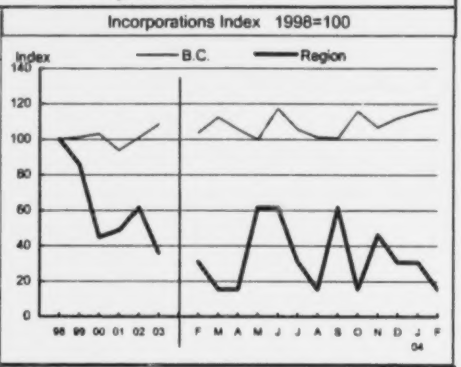


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	63
1997	85
1998	78
1999	67
2000	35
2001	38
2002	48
2003	28
Jan-Feb 03	5
Jan-Feb 04	3

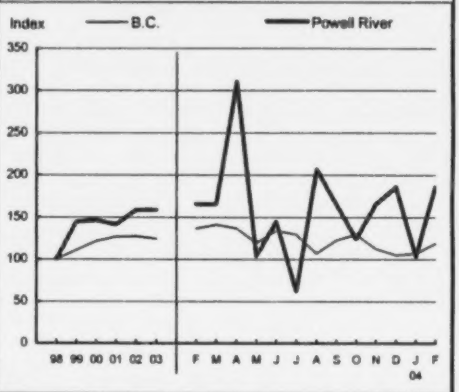
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



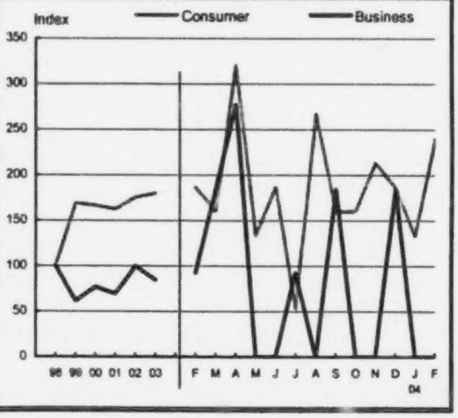
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Powell River		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	76	8	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	75	10	983	148	9,184	980
2001	73	9	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	79	13	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	12	1	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	14	0	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Powell River Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Powell River Regional District	Sep '01	7.7	10.1	10.6	7.1	3.5
	Dec '01	7.5	9.4	10.9	7.0	3.3
	Mar '02	7.4	9.5	9.9	7.2	3.2
	Jun '02	6.5	8.8	7.7	6.2	3.0
	Sep '02	6.1	8.2	7.4	5.7	2.7
	Dec '02	5.4	7.1	6.1	5.2	2.3
	Mar '03	5.5	7.3	5.9	5.2	2.2
	Jun '03	5.2	7.1	6.0	4.8	2.2
	Sep '03	4.2	6.5	5.3	3.6	2.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

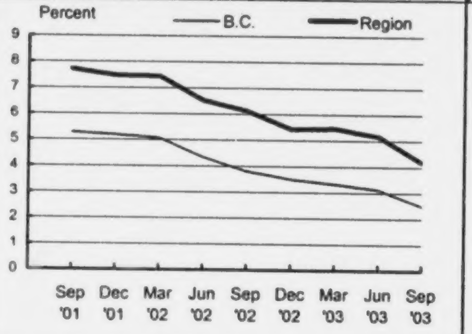
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.1	2.7	3.6	1.3	Sep '01
4.7	4.5	5.4	2.3	Dec '01
5.5	4.4	6.6	2.6	Mar '02
3.6	3.2	4.3	1.7	Jun '02
3.7	3.6	4.3	1.8	Sep '02
4.8	3.6	5.7	2.4	Dec '02
4.9	4.2	5.9	2.3	Mar '03
3.4	3.3	4.0	1.6	Jun '03
3.9	3.5	4.6	1.8	Sep '03

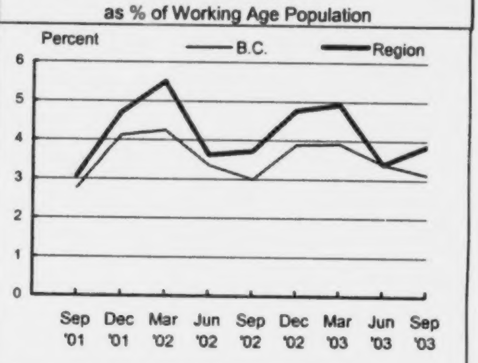
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	680	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	54.9	46.1
1-2 Years	12.7	14.9
>2 Years	32.4	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

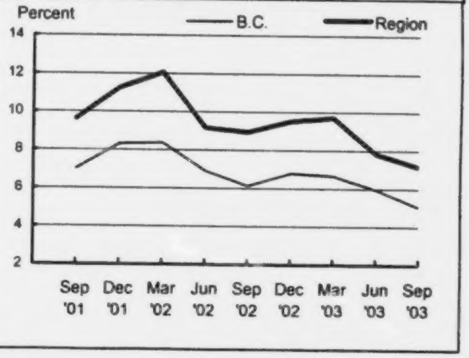
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Powell River Regional District	Sep '01	9.6	12.9	10.5	4.7
	Dec '01	11.2	14.9	12.3	5.4
	Mar '02	12.1	14.3	13.7	5.5
	Jun '02	9.2	10.7	10.3	4.5
	Sep '02	8.9	11.0	9.9	4.6
	Dec '02	9.5	9.7	10.8	5.3
	Mar '03	9.7	10.1	11.1	5.3
	Jun '03	7.8	9.3	8.8	4.2
	Sep '03	7.2	8.7	8.2	3.1

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Powell River
Regional District

13 Demographics

The gender ratio of this area is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on the resource sector, which tends to be male-dominated. The median age of the population is higher than the provincial median reflecting the older work force. As is characteristic of more rural areas, the total fertility rate is higher than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

Although this area is attempting to diversify its economy, developments in the forest sector will continue to have important impacts. It is likely that economic cycles in the forest sector will continue to affect the employment base of the area. In the short-term, developments at the mill will likely result in population declines as layoffs occur. As well, the number of deaths will grow, while births will likely decline. Despite fluctuations, the overall average population for this area should decline marginally the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

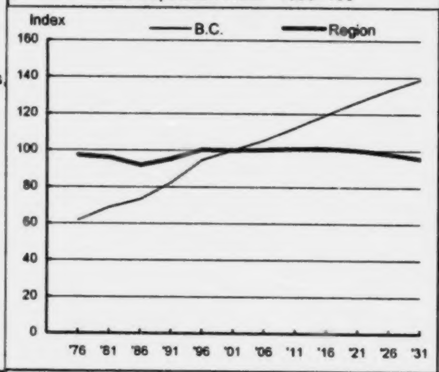
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.6	5.3	2.3	5.5	3.9	1.6	20.1	6.5	0.593	0.137	0.729	1976
1981	1.3	4.4	2.5	5.7	3.9	2.0	19.8	7.0	0.470	0.168	0.638	1981
1986	1.3	3.7	1.9	5.6	4.1	2.3	19.0	7.3	0.429	0.197	0.626	1986
1991	1.3	3.6	1.6	6.0	4.5	2.7	19.7	7.6	0.402	0.220	0.622	1991
1996	1.2	3.7	1.5	6.0	5.1	3.1	20.7	8.4	0.391	0.242	0.633	1996
2001	0.9	3.7	1.4	5.4	5.9	3.4	20.6	9.0	0.362	0.271	0.633	2001
2006	0.8	3.1	1.9	4.6	6.5	3.8	20.7	9.3	0.300	0.291	0.592	2006
2011	0.8	2.7	1.6	4.4	7.1	4.2	20.8	9.8	0.270	0.325	0.595	2011
2016	0.8	2.5	1.4	4.4	6.9	4.9	20.9	10.2	0.260	0.387	0.647	2016
2021	0.8	2.4	1.1	4.3	6.5	5.6	20.7	10.3	0.268	0.469	0.737	2021
2026	0.7	2.4	1.1	4.2	5.8	6.2	20.3	10.2	0.275	0.561	0.836	2026
2031	0.6	2.2	1.1	3.6	5.5	6.7	19.8	10.1	0.278	0.661	0.939	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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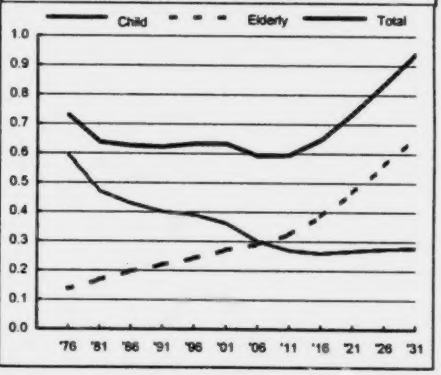


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Masset, Port Clements, Port Edward, Prince Rupert

Fishing and forestry are the primary economic activities in this region. The Prince Rupert area has the largest concentration of fish processing facilities in the province outside the Vancouver region. Developments affecting this region include cutbacks in the forest sector and possible further restrictions imposed on the fishing industry to avoid depletion of salmon stocks. The Prince Rupert area has seen some movement from the area in recent years and this out-migration is likely to continue if there is no improvement in the resource sectors. Skeena Cellulose has been sold but has yet to reopen the pulp mill. Off-shore oil drilling may start in several years resulting in considerable in-migration. A large wind farm may be constructed starting in 2005.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Skeena-Queen Charlotte							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	755	726	45	24	9	804	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	208	93	2	1	1	97	12.1%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	2	0	0	0	2	0.2%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	86	62	3	0	0	65	8.1%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	28	19	5	4	2	30	3.7%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	16	23	1	0	0	24	3.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	54	122	4	5	0	131	16.3%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	75	54	3	1	2	60	7.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	6	1	0	0	7	0.9%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	24	9	2	1	0	12	1.5%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	60	15	1	0	0	16	2.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	40	49	0	2	0	51	6.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	20	9	0	0	0	9	1.1%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	42	38	1	1	0	40	5.0%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	3	7	0	1	2	10	1.2%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	5	55	3	2	1	61	7.6%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10	23	1	0	0	24	3.0%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	34	70	11	2	0	83	10.3%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	45	65	4	0	0	69	8.6%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	5	3	4	1	13	1.6%	0.6%	878

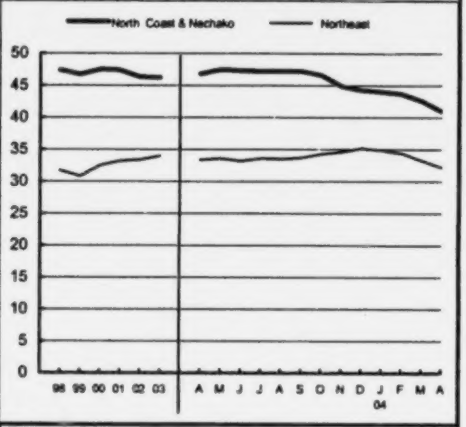
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

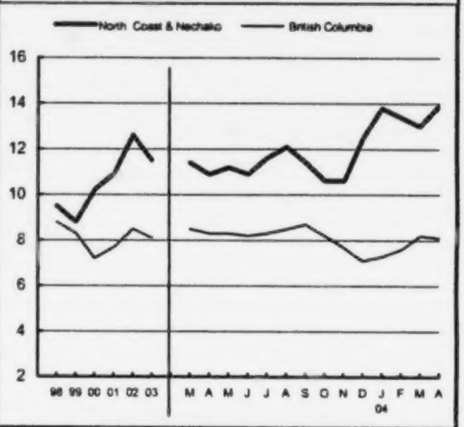
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1994		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	31.7	NA	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
2001		47.4	10.9	33.2	5.9	1,942.4	7.7
2002		46.3	12.6	33.4	9.0	1,973.4	8.5
2003		46.2	11.5	34.0	6.9	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	33.6	8.9	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	33.7	8.2	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	33.8	7.1	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	33.4	7.2	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	33.6	6.7	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	33.2	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	33.6	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	33.5	7.7	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	33.7	7.9	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	34.3	6.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	34.6	6.0	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	35.2	4.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	34.8	4.4	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	43.7	13.4	34.4	4.2	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	42.6	13.0	33.3	4.6	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	41.0	13.9	32.2	5.0	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	46.3	11.2	33.5	7.6	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	41.9	13.9	32.6	5.0	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-9.7		-2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



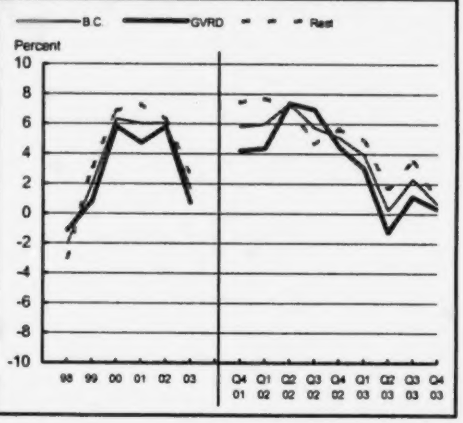
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

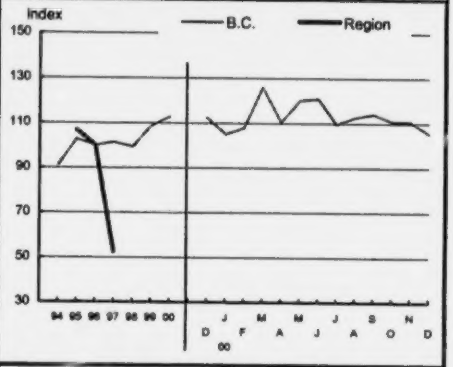
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



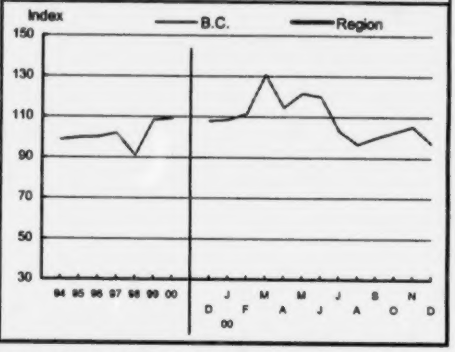
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	8	0	6	7	7
25	Wood	2	2	3	5	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	2	2	2	4	4
30	Metal Fabricating	4	4	4	5	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	21	14	25	28	25
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.9	2.0	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	379.4	**	517.8	484.2	253.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	23	28	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,859	**	1,594	1,708	1,137
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.8	0.9	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	72.5	**	67.0	72.7	50.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

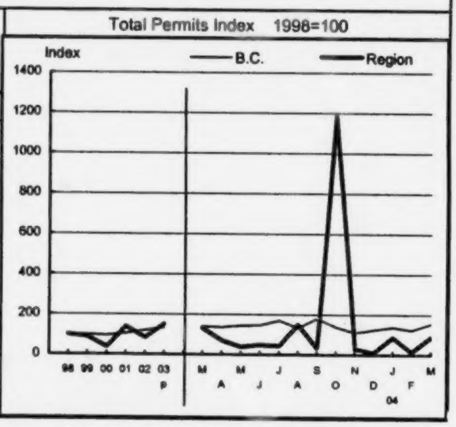


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	8.5	2.7	0.3	41.7	1.3	5.8	36
1997	8.3	4.4	1.8	47.6	0.7	3.9	23
1998	8.0	5.7	2.6	58.7	0.9	2.2	10
1999	7.0	4.9	0.2	59.4	3.4	2.2	11
2000	2.9	1.2	0.3	55.2	0.1	1.7	6
2001	11.0	8.7	2.9	59.5	1.8	2.3	3
2002	6.7	5.1	0.2	46.7	1.1	1.6	3
2003 p	12.0	9.4	7.6	55.6	0.1	2.6	2
YTD Mar '03	1.3	0.7	0.1	3.2	0.0	0.6	2
YTD Mar '04	1.3	0.6	0.2	12.3	0.1	0.7	2

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

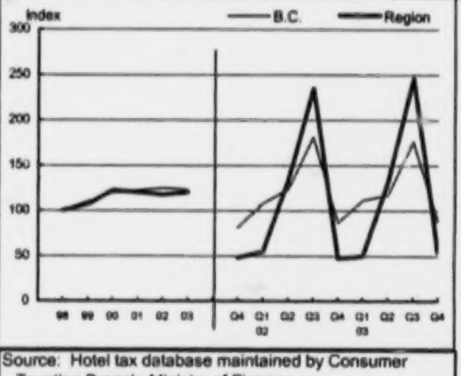
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	1999	10,408.0	1,167.8	2,831.5	4,992.4	1,416.3
	2000	11,924.6	1,258.2	3,649.0	5,812.5	1,204.8
	2001	11,707.6	1,347.3	3,313.0	5,881.4	1,166.0
	2002	11,447.8	1,326.0	3,250.8	5,710.2	1,160.9
	2003	11,716.3	1,215.5	3,197.7	5,980.0	1,323.1
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	285,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	11,716.3	100.0%
Hotels	5,759.3	49.2%
Motels	2,195.2	18.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

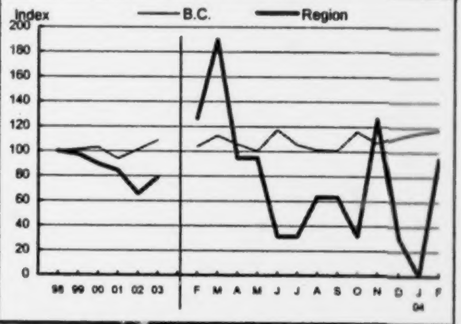


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	66
1997	40
1998	38
1999	37
2000	34
2001	32
2002	25
2003	30
Jan-Feb 03	6
Jan-Feb 04	3

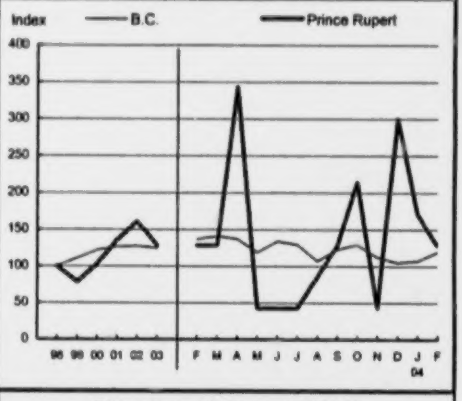
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



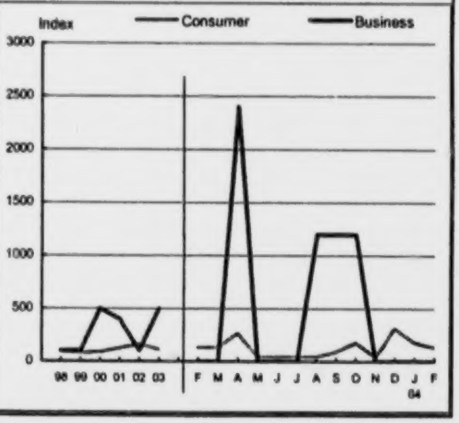
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince Rupert		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	21	1	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	24	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	34	4	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	44	1	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	31	5	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	4	0	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	7	0	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince Rupert Indices 1998=100



QRS
Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Sep '01	8.1	10.8	13.8	6.2	4.1
	Dec '01	11.1	14.2	19.5	8.9	4.9
	Mar '02	11.1	15.2	17.7	8.7	5.0
	Jun '02	9.8	13.5	14.7	7.8	4.5
	Sep '02	7.2	10.3	10.6	5.6	3.8
	Dec '02	8.5	11.9	11.5	6.8	4.0
	Mar '03	8.5	12.0	10.5	6.9	4.0
	Jun '03	8.4	12.1	10.2	6.7	4.1
	Sep '03	5.7	8.9	6.0	4.3	3.0

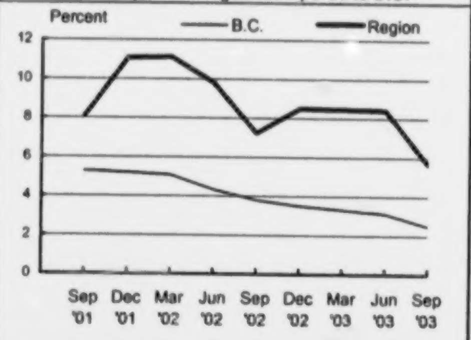
11 Employment Insurance (was UI)
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
6.4	3.4	6.9	5.9	Sep '01
13.4	8.2	13.9	15.1	Dec '01
14.4	9.7	15.3	14.0	Mar '02
8.7	4.2	9.6	8.3	Jun '02
5.1	3.1	5.6	4.1	Sep '02
12.2	8.4	12.7	13.0	Dec '02
12.4	8.3	13.0	12.8	Mar '03
7.0	4.5	7.6	6.7	Jun '03
5.6	3.0	6.2	5.1	Sep '03

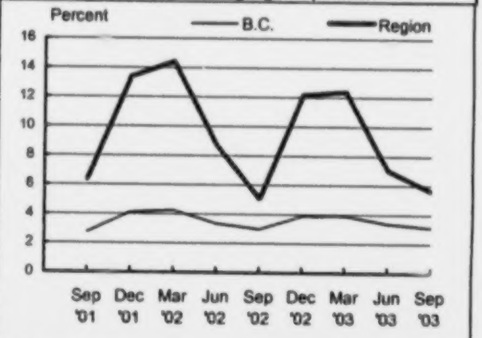
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,004	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	44.7	46.1
1-2 Years	19.0	14.9
>2 Years	36.3	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

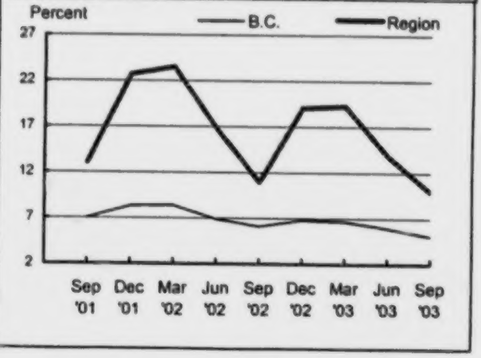
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Sep '01	13.1	17.1	12.9	10.3
	Dec '01	22.7	27.3	22.4	20.1
	Mar '02	23.5	27.1	23.7	19.0
	Jun '02	16.8	18.8	17.3	12.8
	Sep '02	11.0	13.7	11.1	7.7
	Dec '02	19.1	19.8	19.4	17.0
	Mar '03	19.3	18.8	19.8	17.2
	Jun '03	13.9	14.6	14.2	11.2
	Sep '03	9.9	9.0	10.5	7.9

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region has generally experienced net migration outflows over the last 25 years. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) has offset some of the migration outflows, but in many years there has been a population decline. The gender ratio for this area is substantially weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on male-dominated resource industries. Since men tend to have lower life expectancies than women, the median age at death is lower than the provincial median. The overall median age is also lower than for the province as a whole and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is much higher than the provincial ratio, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population, which is much lower than the provincial ratio. Also, the total fertility rate in this region is substantially higher than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

This region has generally experienced net outflows of migrants but this trend is expected to reverse at least marginally in the long term as the resource sector recuperates. Port activity, particularly shipments to Asia are expected to increase. Off shore oil activity may begin as early as 2010. Deaths will likely begin to exceed births towards the end of the projection period resulting in a slightly negative population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

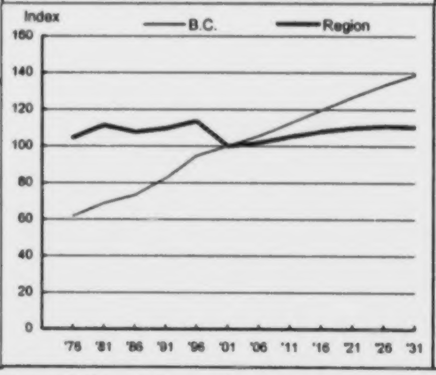
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.4	6.2	3.5	7.3	3.5	1.0	23.8	6.8	0.605	0.069	0.674	1976
1981	2.4	5.9	4.1	8.6	3.4	1.1	25.4	7.9	0.513	0.066	0.578	1981
1986	2.3	5.3	3.1	8.9	3.7	1.2	24.6	8.3	0.486	0.078	0.564	1986
1991	2.4	5.1	2.6	9.2	4.2	1.5	25.0	8.7	0.470	0.091	0.562	1991
1996	2.2	5.4	2.6	9.3	4.9	1.5	25.9	9.1	0.455	0.090	0.545	1996
2001	1.6	4.6	2.0	7.3	5.6	1.7	22.8	8.9	0.417	0.116	0.533	2001
2006	1.4	4.2	2.3	6.7	6.5	2.0	23.2	9.1	0.364	0.132	0.495	2006
2011	1.4	3.9	2.4	6.4	7.3	2.7	24.0	9.8	0.334	0.166	0.500	2011
2016	1.4	3.7	2.2	6.3	7.4	3.6	24.6	10.4	0.321	0.224	0.545	2016
2021	1.3	3.7	2.0	6.3	7.2	4.5	25.0	10.9	0.323	0.293	0.616	2021
2026	1.3	3.6	2.0	6.4	6.6	5.4	25.3	11.1	0.324	0.358	0.682	2026
2031	1.2	3.5	1.9	6.3	6.3	6.0	25.2	11.3	0.324	0.413	0.737	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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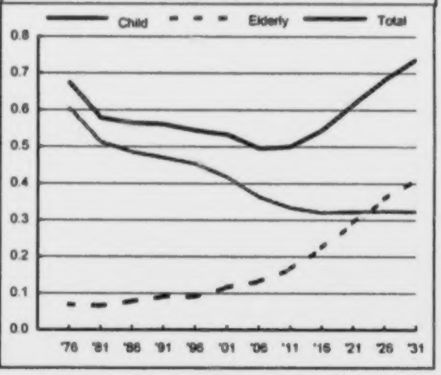


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Lillooet, Pemberton, Squamish, Whistler

Tourism has overtaken forestry as the main economic driver for this region, mostly on the strength of the ski resort at Whistler. As the Whistler resort becomes more all-season, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. The forest sector is still the dominant activity in the Lillooet area. Developments that will affect the population in this region include the 2010 winter Olypmics as well as a new university for Squamish.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Squamish-Lillooet							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Em-ployees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,957	1,376	148	65	15	1,604	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	85	79	8	3	0	90	5.6%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	5	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	3	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	376	226	12	4	2	244	15.2%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	53	42	3	2	2	49	3.1%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	62	54	1	0	0	55	3.4%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	94	179	23	8	2	212	13.2%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	64	69	3	1	0	73	4.6%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	28	24	0	0	0	24	1.5%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	65	21	2	0	0	23	1.4%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	391	70	9	5	0	84	5.2%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	228	125	6	0	0	131	8.2%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	101	20	1	0	0	21	1.3%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	123	109	14	3	0	126	7.9%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	12	18	0	1	1	20	1.2%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	18	64	12	2	1	79	4.9%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	57	44	7	2	1	54	3.4%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	111	117	40	28	5	190	11.8%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	81	99	2	3	0	104	6.5%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	11	5	3	1	20	1.2%	0.6%	878

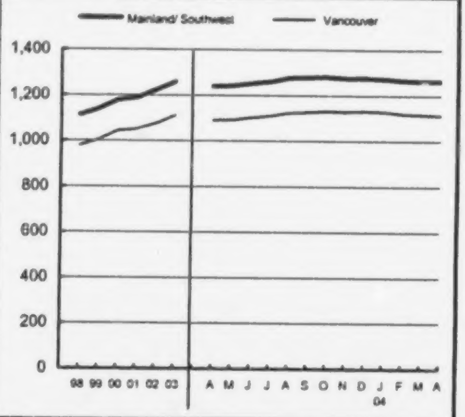
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

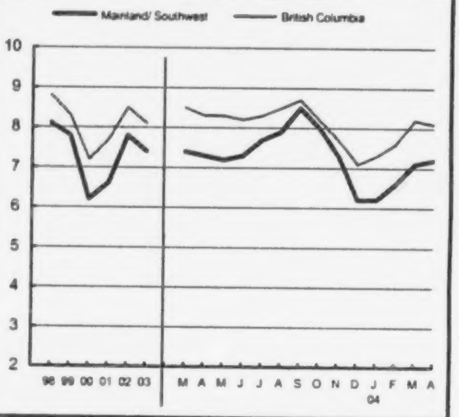
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1994	0.0	0.0	908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2001	1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
2002	1,221.6	7.8	1,076.2	7.8	1,973.4	8.5
2003	1,258.6	7.4	1,110.8	7.3	2,023.3	8.1
2003 Jan	1,236.1	7.6	1,090.1	7.6	1,969.8	8.5
Feb	1,229.7	7.6	1,084.0	7.6	1,964.3	8.6
Mar	1,228.7	7.4	1,083.4	7.4	1,971.3	8.5
Apr	1,238.0	7.3	1,089.9	7.3	1,987.8	8.3
May	1,240.6	7.2	1,092.1	7.2	2,002.6	8.3
Jun	1,250.7	7.3	1,102.0	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
Jul	1,259.8	7.7	1,110.2	7.7	2,038.0	8.3
Aug	1,275.8	7.9	1,123.8	8.0	2,052.7	8.5
Sep	1,278.3	8.5	1,125.8	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
Oct	1,281.5	8.0	1,131.3	8.0	2,051.6	8.2
Nov	1,275.4	7.3	1,129.3	7.2	2,045.5	7.7
Dec	1,276.7	6.2	1,131.9	6.1	2,053.8	7.1
2004 Jan	1,272.6	6.2	1,128.5	6.1	2,042.9	7.3
Feb	1,266.6	6.6	1,120.1	6.5	2,029.3	7.6
Mar	1,263.1	7.1	1,116.2	7.1	2,014.5	8.2
Apr	1,262.6	7.2	1,113.8	7.3	2,011.8	8.1
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:						
Jan-Apr03	1,233.3	7.4	1,086.7	7.4	1,977.0	8.5
Jan-Apr04	1,264.8	7.1	1,117.1	7.2	2,015.1	8.1
% Change	2.6		2.8		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



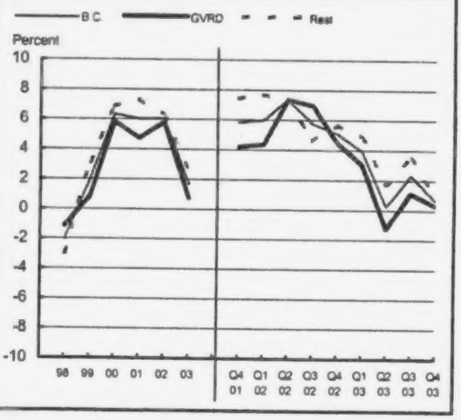
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

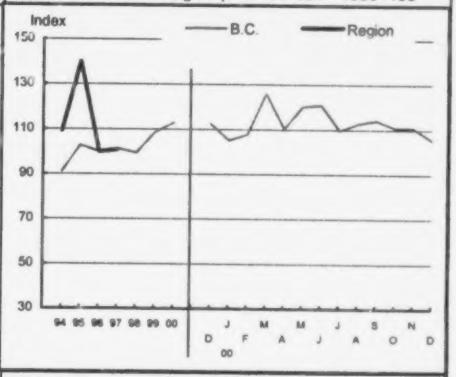
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



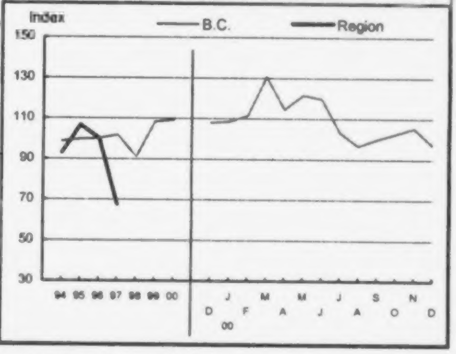
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	8	9	8	8	8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	5	4	4	5
30	Metal Fabricating	3	3	4	4	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	17	19	22	23	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	126.3	153.8	176.4	165.5	111.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	0.7	2.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	261.5	373.6	478.9	342.0	344.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	4	0	0	0
25	Wood	436	447	432	462	393
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	5	25
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	889	976	976	973	984
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	19.2	18.8	19.9	22.6	19.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	0.2	1.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	41.3	45.4	47.8	48.4	49.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

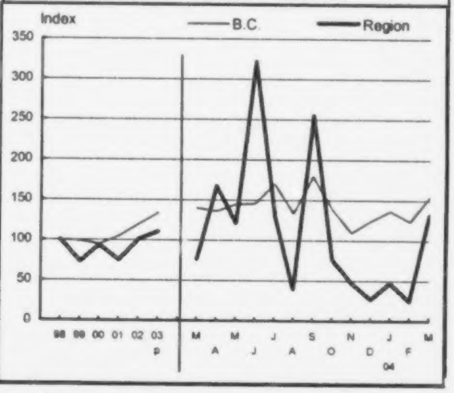


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	223.7	96.3	2.9	5.7	1.3	127.5	1,042
1997	130.0	44.7	1.8	6.3	2.1	85.2	641
1998	114.8	65.9	1.2	25.7	1.6	48.9	295
1999	84.2	18.8	0.7	18.2	2.3	65.4	419
2000	107.4	50.7	1.9	29.9	9.9	56.8	292
2001	86.4	13.3	0.8	32.6	1.3	73.1	373
2002	115.5	16.7	2.6	52.7	5.7	98.8	576
2003 p	126.9	41.0	4.7	60.0	5.1	85.9	524
YTD Mar '03	13.2	3.6	0.4	17.1	2.3	9.6	70
YTD Mar '04	19.6	10.7	0.8	19.0	0.0	8.9	41

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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Regional District

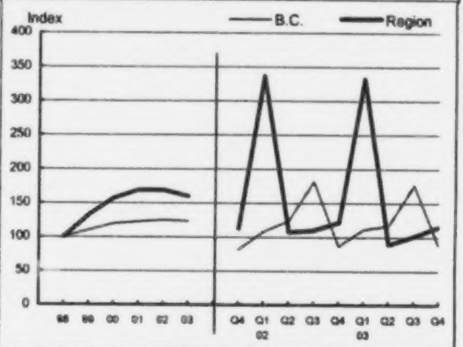
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	1999	160,495.0	74,717.9	24,627.9	30,295.1	30,854.1
	2000	189,519.6	86,524.5	32,520.8	34,720.6	35,753.6
	2001	204,143.0	102,504.9	34,299.4	33,360.9	33,977.8
	2002	204,428.1	101,893.5	32,578.0	33,243.7	36,712.9
	2003	193,000.3	100,596.9	27,020.0	30,599.5	34,783.9
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	193,000.3	100.0%
Hotels	153,844.4	79.7%
76-150 Rooms	37,405.7	19.4%
76+ Rooms	141,004.6	73.1%
1-75 Rooms	12,839.8	6.7%
Motels	1,910.4	1.0%
Vacation Rentals	26,901.4	13.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

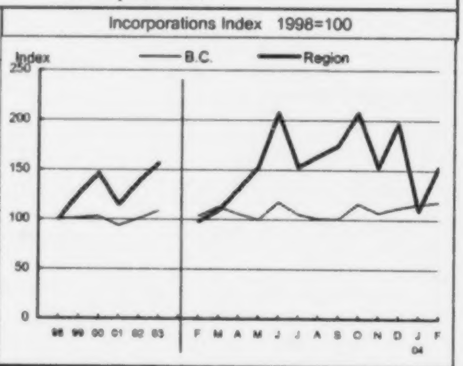


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	151
1997	134
1998	110
1999	138
2000	161
2001	126
2002	152
2003	172
Jan-Feb 03	21
Jan-Feb 04	24

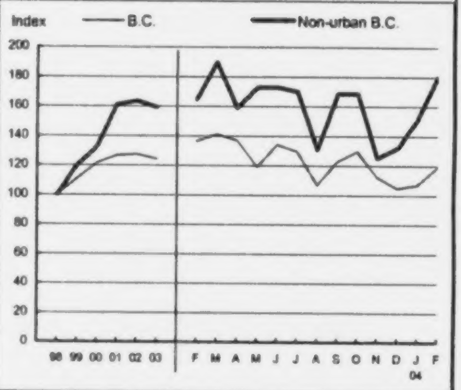
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



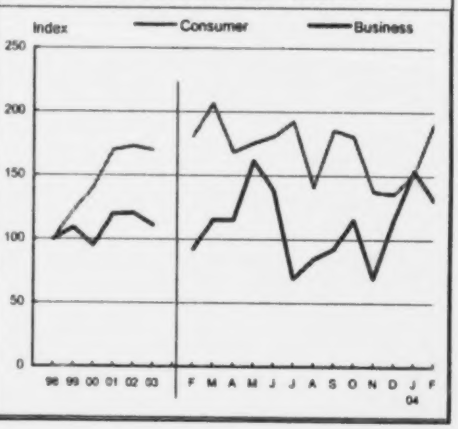
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



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Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Sep '01	2.9	4.7	3.2	2.1	1.5
	Dec '01	3.0	4.7	3.4	2.4	1.5
	Mar '02	3.0	4.6	3.4	2.4	1.4
	Jun '02	2.4	3.5	2.6	1.9	1.1
	Sep '02	1.9	2.8	2.1	1.5	0.9
	Dec '02	1.8	2.7	2.3	1.3	0.9
	Mar '03	1.8	2.5	1.8	1.4	0.8
	Jun '03	1.5	2.4	1.4	1.2	0.8
	Sep '03	1.1	2.0	1.3	0.8	0.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

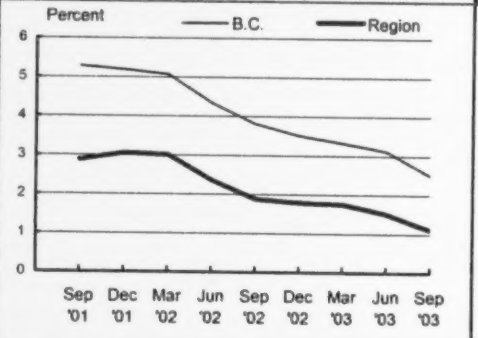
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.8	3.2	4.1	1.9	Sep '01
5.0	5.3	5.3	2.6	Dec '01
5.8	5.2	6.3	3.4	Mar '02
4.3	4.1	4.6	2.2	Jun '02
3.6	3.5	3.9	2.0	Sep '02
4.5	4.3	4.8	2.7	Dec '02
4.6	4.2	4.9	3.0	Mar '03
5.0	5.2	5.4	3.1	Jun '03
4.2	3.2	4.7	2.4	Sep '03

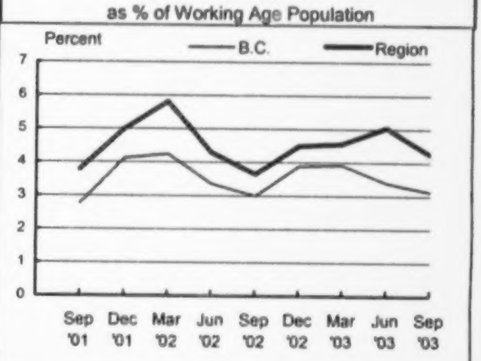
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	334	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	57.6	46.1
1-2 Years	22.7	14.9
>2 Years	19.7	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

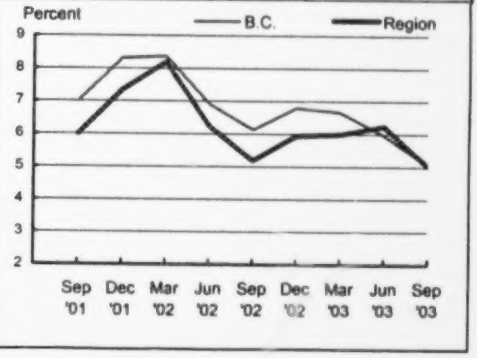
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Sep '01	6.0	6.3	6.2	4.0
	Dec '01	7.3	8.4	7.5	4.6
	Mar '02	8.2	8.4	8.6	5.5
	Jun '02	6.2	6.6	6.5	4.2
	Sep '02	5.2	5.5	5.4	3.6
	Dec '02	5.9	6.5	6.1	4.4
	Mar '03	6.0	5.8	6.2	4.7
	Jun '03	6.2	6.5	6.5	4.4
	Sep '03	5.0	4.5	5.5	2.9

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

13 Demographics

The forest sector and construction activity are important components of the economy and this is evident in the gender ratio, which is biased in favour of males. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. The median age of the population is substantially younger than the provincial median, and this is due to a small proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) compared to the province as a whole. The ratio of elderly to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is less than half the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

This area had one of the fastest growing populations in British Columbia in the early nineties. As the burgeoning tourism industry continues to supplant forestry as the main economic activity, there will likely be more stable migration patterns. As the Whistler resort becomes more of an all-season resort, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. The projection is for strong, sustained growth for this region, with the population almost doubling in 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

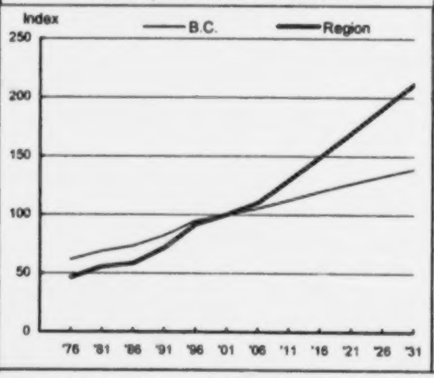
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.6	4.3	2.4	4.8	2.5	0.6	16.2	4.9	0.604	0.064	0.669	1976
1981	1.9	4.3	2.8	6.5	3.0	0.9	19.5	6.5	0.508	0.073	0.580	1981
1986	1.8	4.2	2.3	7.5	3.4	1.3	20.5	7.5	0.452	0.102	0.553	1986
1991	2.1	4.8	2.5	9.9	4.2	1.6	25.1	9.0	0.416	0.093	0.509	1991
1996	2.4	5.6	3.7	12.9	5.7	1.9	32.1	11.9	0.359	0.083	0.442	1996
2001	2.1	5.9	4.0	13.5	7.3	2.2	35.0	13.7	0.322	0.089	0.411	2001
2006	2.2	5.9	4.1	14.0	9.5	2.9	38.6	15.4	0.294	0.105	0.399	2006
2011	2.3	5.7	6.1	15.2	12.0	4.0	45.4	19.3	0.241	0.119	0.360	2011
2016	2.9	5.8	6.1	18.1	14.1	5.3	52.3	23.1	0.227	0.138	0.365	2016
2021	3.5	6.4	5.9	21.3	15.6	6.7	59.5	26.2	0.233	0.158	0.391	2021
2026	3.9	7.8	6.0	24.1	16.2	8.7	66.8	28.9	0.253	0.188	0.441	2026
2031	4.1	9.1	6.4	25.9	17.5	11.0	74.0	31.6	0.266	0.220	0.486	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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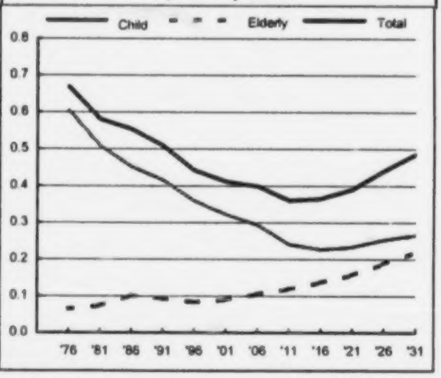

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Stikine
Region

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Region: Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Taylor

Mining, tourism and forestry are all important contributors to the economy in this region. In the forest sector, the decrease to the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) of the Cassiar Timber Supply Area will likely not impact the population greatly. Rising metal prices may lead to more mining activity in the area.In the mineral sector, the plant at Cassiar which was test processing magnesium burnt down in late 2000 and is unlikely to be rebuilt in the area. There are several mining prospects in the area, but the Golden Bear Mine (between Telegraph Creek and Dease Lake) ceased mining in 2000 except for seasonal heap-leaching. The Tulsequah Chief mine project on the Taku River near Atlin has been approved and could employ as many as 500 people. Most miners will likely live else where, flying in from all parts of Canada to work.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Stikine							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	56	48	3	1	0	52	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	4	2	0	0	0	2	3.8%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	14	5	1	0	0	6	11.5%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	1	3	0	0	0	3	5.8%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	5	8	0	0	0	8	15.4%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	5	7	0	0	0	7	13.5%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	4	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	3	3	0	0	0	3	5.8%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	1	1	0	1	0	2	3.8%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	-	2	0	0	0	2	3.8%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1	4	0	0	0	4	7.7%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	3	8	2	0	0	10	19.2%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	8	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	2	0	0	0	2	3.8%	0.6%	878

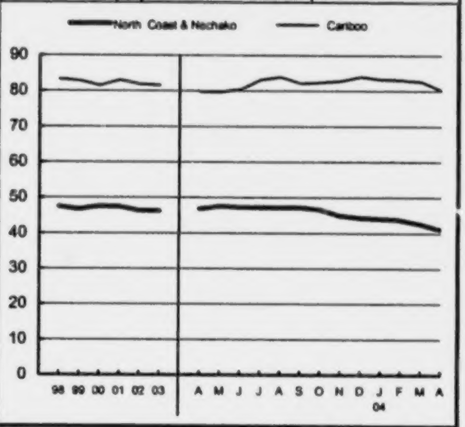
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Stikine
Region

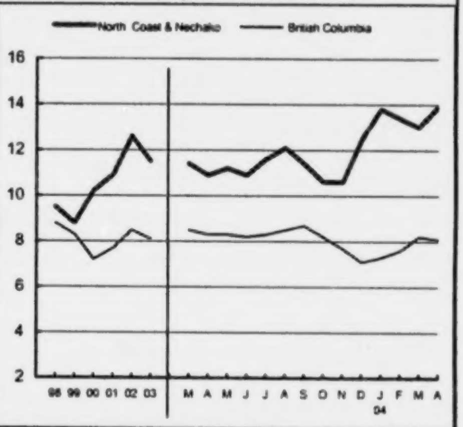
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	46.3	12.6	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	46.2	11.5	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	43.7	13.4	83.1	10.7	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	42.6	13.0	82.6	12.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	41.0	13.9	80.3	13.1	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	46.3	11.2	79.1	12.9	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	41.9	13.9	81.1	12.8	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	-9.7		2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



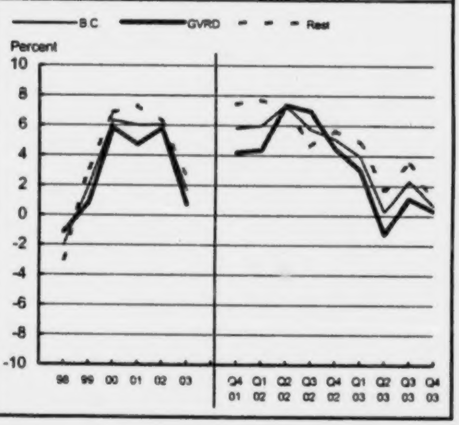
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

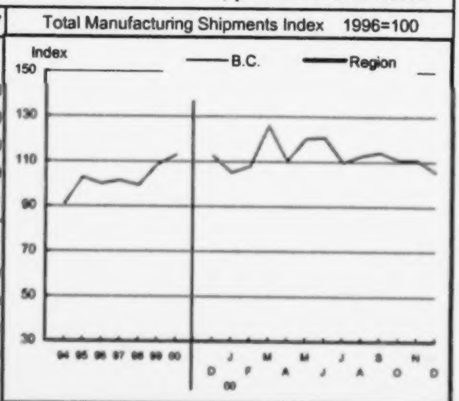
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



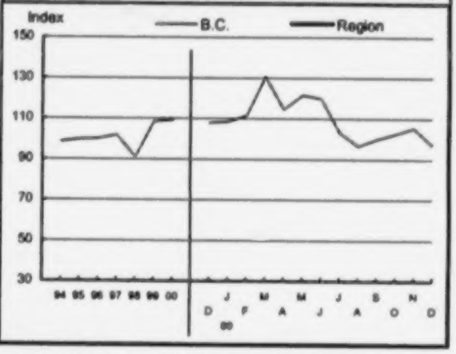
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	1	1	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1	1	2	1	1
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	**	**	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	**	**	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	**	**	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

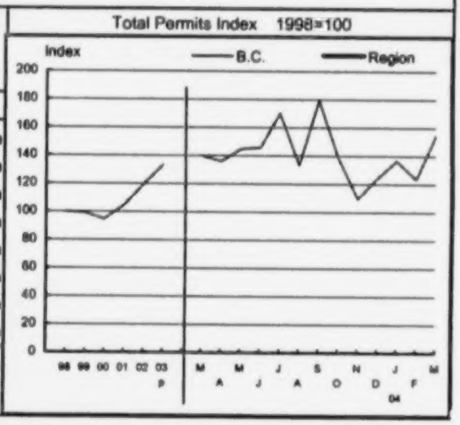


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	274.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	237.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	241.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	413.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	276.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	282.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	265.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
2003 p	n/a	n/a	n/a	342.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Mar '03	n/a	n/a	n/a	68.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Mar '04	n/a	n/a	n/a	49.2	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Stikine
Region

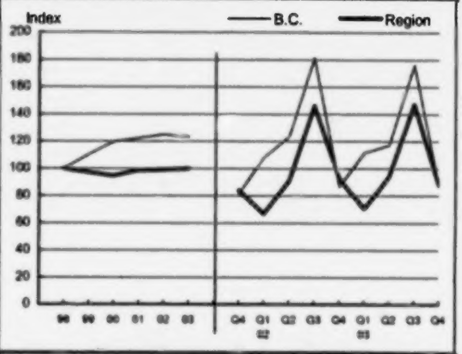
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Bulkley-Nechako R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Stikine Regional District	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	8,929.4	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	1,955.3
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,929.4	100.0%
Fishing lodges	613.2	6.9%
Motels	5,054.9	56.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

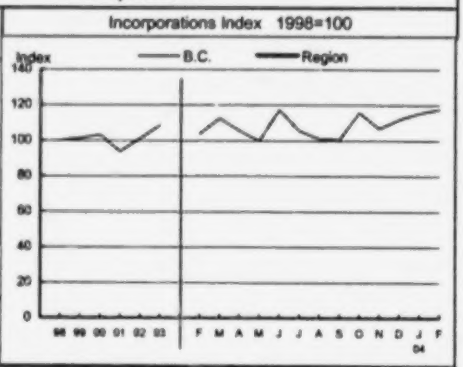


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	6
1997	1
1998	0
1999	3
2000	1
2001	1
2002	5
2003	2
Jan-Feb 03	0
Jan-Feb 04	0

Incorporations Index 1998=100

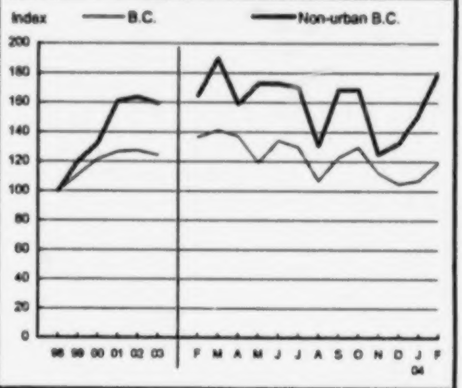


Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100

Total = Consumer + Business



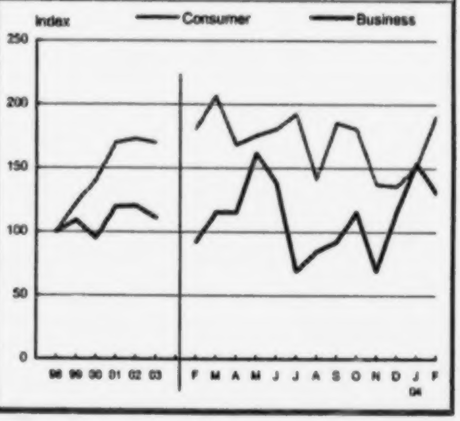
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,365	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Stikine Region

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Stikine Regional District	Sep '01	2.3	3.5	-	2.7	-
	Dec '01	2.3	3.0	-	2.7	-
	Mar '02	4.2	6.3	-	4.4	2.4
	Jun '02	3.3	5.8	-	3.2	2.1
	Sep '02	2.8	5.8	-	2.2	1.7
	Dec '02	2.3	4.2	-	2.0	-
	Mar '03	1.9	4.4	-	1.2	-
	Jun '03	2.5	7.2	-	1.2	1.7
	Sep '03	2.1	5.0	-	1.6	-

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

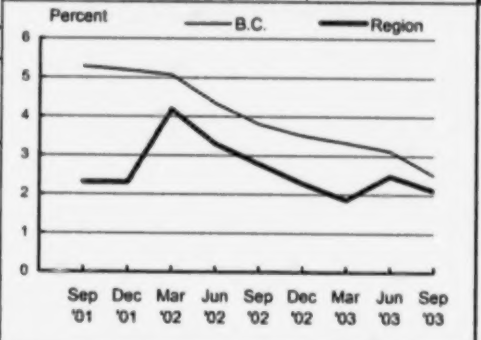
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.1	-	4.2	-	Sep '01
9.5	8.0	10.0	8.6	Dec '01
10.6	8.6	11.5	8.7	Mar '02
6.1	-	6.4	-	Jun '02
4.8	6.4	4.9	3.7	Sep '02
11.7	13.9	12.4	8.1	Dec '02
9.8	12.9	10.4	6.0	Mar '03
5.7	-	6.6	-	Jun '03
5.5	5.4	5.9	4.2	Sep '03

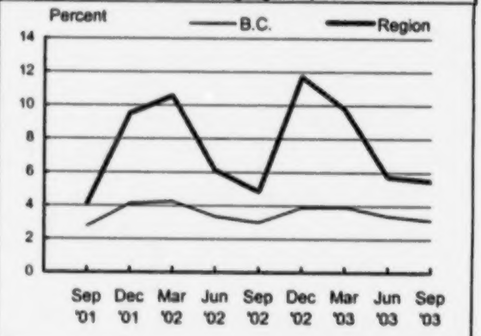
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	19	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	82.4	46.1
1-2 Years	-	14.9
>2 Years	-	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

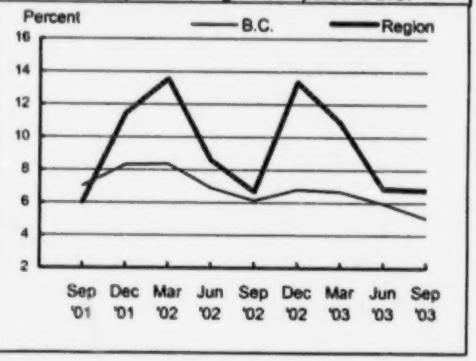
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Stikine Regional District	Sep '01	6.0	-	6.9	-
	Dec '01	11.5	-	12.5	-
	Mar '02	13.6	-	15.1	-
	Jun '02	8.6	-	9.6	-
	Sep '02	6.7	-	7.1	-
	Dec '02	13.4	-	14.4	-
	Mar '03	10.9	-	11.5	-
	Jun '03	6.9	-	7.8	-
	Sep '03	6.8	-	7.5	-

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Stikine
Region

13 Demographics

This area is sparsely populated and this results in rather erratic demographic statistics. However, the remoteness of the area means that the age structure of the population is consistently younger than that of the province as a whole. The median age tends to be lower than the provincial median, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is lower than the ratio for the province as a whole. As well, the gender ratio is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The slow down in the forestry industry will likely extend the trend of out-migration for the near future. Births should continue to exceed deaths, for the first half of the projection period but should natural increase should be negative thereafter. Due to increased mining activity and road building, net migration should tend to be positive overall.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

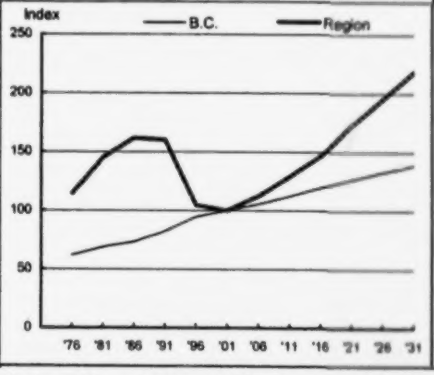
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	1.6	0.5	0.609	0.023	0.632	1976
1981	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.0	2.0	0.6	0.538	0.023	0.562	1981
1986	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.0	2.2	0.8	0.551	0.033	0.584	1986
1991	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.1	2.2	0.8	0.448	0.051	0.499	1991
1996	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.6	0.396	0.064	0.460	1996
2001	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	1.4	0.6	0.404	0.127	0.532	2001
2006	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	1.6	0.7	0.350	0.139	0.489	2006
2011	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.8	0.9	0.334	0.201	0.535	2011
2016	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.3	2.0	1.0	0.326	0.246	0.571	2016
2021	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.4	2.4	1.2	0.337	0.296	0.632	2021
2026	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.5	2.7	1.4	0.301	0.298	0.599	2026
2031	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.6	3.0	1.6	0.270	0.307	0.577	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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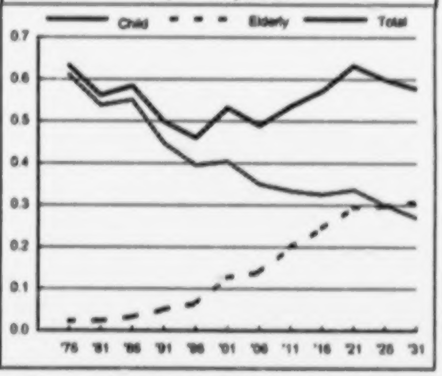


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Gibsons, Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Government District

Forestry is the main economic activity for this area, with two large processing facilities at Port Mellon, and considerable employment in harvesting throughout the region. As well, the proximity to Vancouver, combined with relatively inexpensive housing, helps draw retirees and those who can work from home to the area. There are plans to upgrade the ferry transportation to this region, which will make the area more accessible and could lead to further population growth. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, this region could experience increased population growth.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Sunshine Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,448	930	61	27	3	1,021	100.0%	100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	133	71	7	6	0	84	8.2%	5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	3	3	0	1	0	4	0.4%	0.5%	726
22	Utilities	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	159
23	Construction	311	108	5	0	0	113	11.1%	10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	60	48	1	1	1	51	5.0%	5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	42	36	1	1	0	38	3.7%	6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	98	144	8	7	0	159	15.6%	11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	56	40	1	0	0	41	4.0%	4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	31	15	0	0	0	15	1.5%	1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	67	20	2	2	0	24	2.4%	3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	146	42	1	0	0	43	4.2%	4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	203	91	4	0	0	95	9.3%	11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	50	14	2	0	0	16	1.6%	2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	65	41	1	0	0	42	4.1%	4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	12	9	1	0	1	11	1.1%	1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	17	61	12	1	1	75	7.3%	8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	32	26	1	0	0	27	2.6%	1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	33	82	13	4	0	99	9.7%	7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	87	75	1	0	0	76	7.4%	7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	4	0	4	0	8	0.8%	0.6%	878

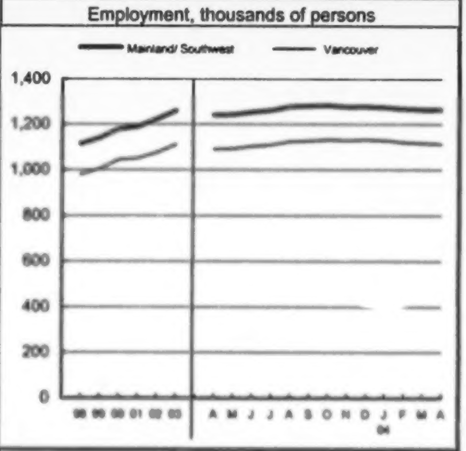
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

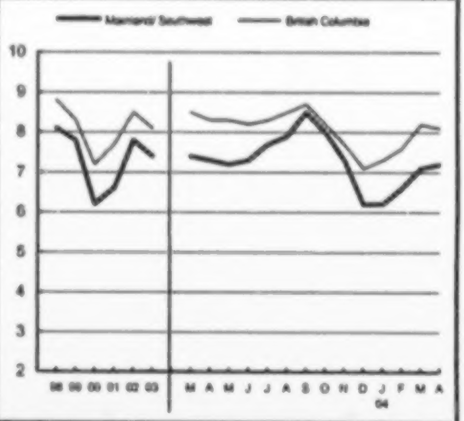
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	1,221.6	7.8	1,076.2	7.8	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	1,258.6	7.4	1,110.8	7.3	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	1,236.1	7.6	1,090.1	7.6	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	1,229.7	7.6	1,084.0	7.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	1,228.7	7.4	1,083.4	7.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	1,238.0	7.3	1,089.9	7.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	1,240.6	7.2	1,092.1	7.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	1,250.7	7.3	1,102.0	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	1,259.8	7.7	1,110.2	7.7	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	1,275.8	7.9	1,123.8	8.0	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	1,278.3	8.5	1,125.8	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	1,281.5	8.0	1,131.3	8.0	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	1,275.4	7.3	1,129.3	7.2	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	1,276.7	6.2	1,131.9	6.1	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	1,272.6	6.2	1,128.5	6.1	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	1,266.6	6.6	1,120.1	6.5	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	1,263.1	7.1	1,116.2	7.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	1,262.6	7.2	1,113.8	7.3	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	1,233.3	7.4	1,086.7	7.4	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	1,264.8	7.1	1,117.1	7.2	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	2.6		2.8		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



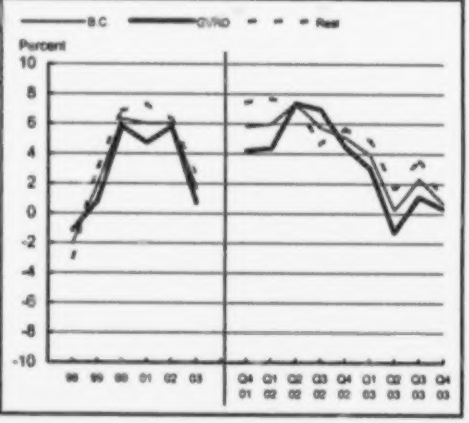
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

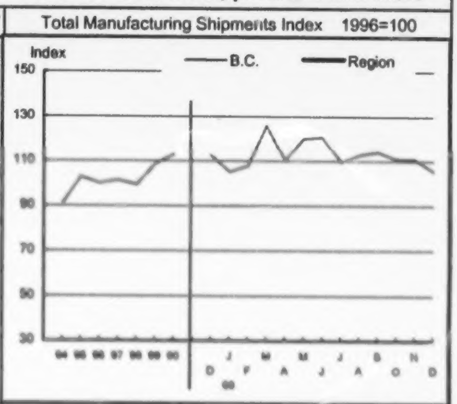
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



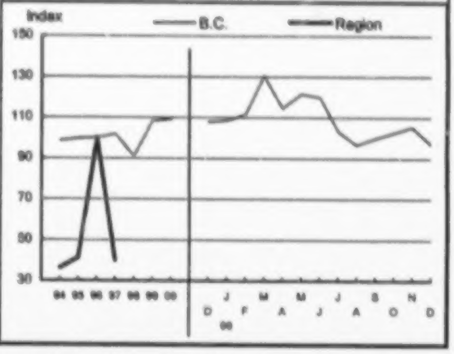
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	2	2	2
25	Wood	4	3	4	5	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3	2	3	4	3
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	15	12	14	14	12
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	16.0	18.3	44.2	17.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	194	195	292	200
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	7.8	7.7	10.6	9.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

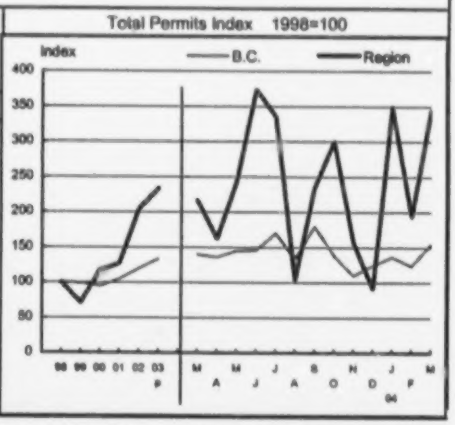


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	5.7	2.6	0.0	593.4	1.0	3.0	19
1997	6.3	1.8	0.1	575.2	0.1	4.5	23
1998	25.7	7.6	1.0	470.5	3.5	18.1	113
1999	18.2	5.8	-	435.5	0.6	12.4	89
2000	29.9	5.4	1.1	397.0	0.3	24.5	150
2001	32.6	7.5	0.7	531.3	1.7	25.1	144
2002	52.7	12.5	2.1	516.0	5.2	40.1	220
2003 p	60.0	12.4	1.8	771.9	6.4	47.6	236
YTD Mar '03	17.1	7.3	1.7	160.9	4.9	9.8	47
YTD Mar '04	19.0	1.4	0.3	194.8	0.0	17.6	80

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Sunshine Coast
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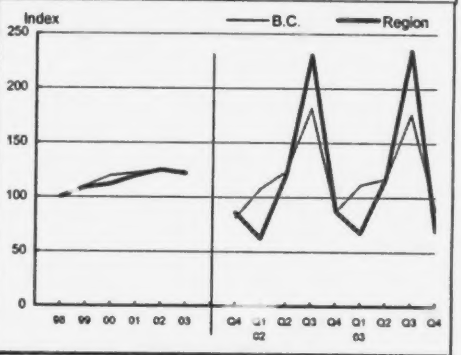
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	1999	3,382.6	456.8	760.8	1,413.7	751.3
Sunshine Coast	2000	3,468.6	459.1	766.6	1,577.7	665.3
Regional District	2001	3,706.2	464.3	913.1	1,662.5	666.3
	2002	3,881.8	484.8	932.6	1,785.5	678.9
	2003	3,785.4	522.6	906.5	1,817.7	538.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
British Columbia	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,785.4	100.0%
Motels	1,937.9	51.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

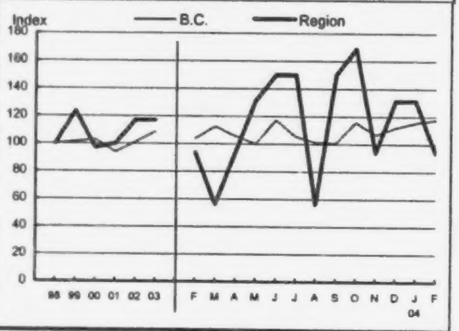


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	78
1997	71
1998	64
1999	79
2000	62
2001	64
2002	75
2003	75
Jan-Feb 03	12
Jan-Feb 04	12

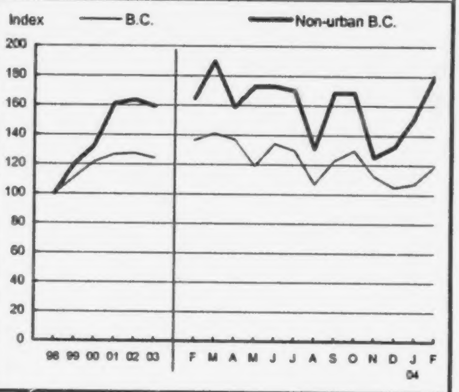
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



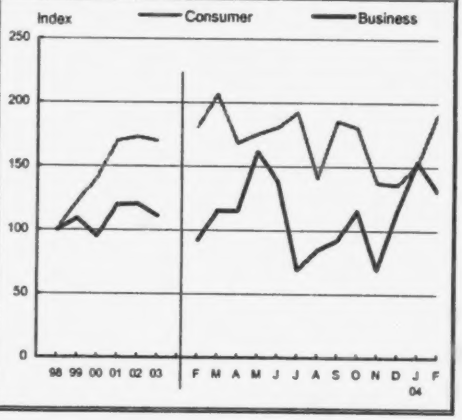
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Sep '01	6.3	9.5	5.8	5.7	3.3
	Dec '01	6.4	9.2	5.5	6.0	3.2
	Mar '02	6.4	9.2	5.1	6.2	3.0
	Jun '02	5.0	7.3	3.9	4.8	2.5
	Sep '02	4.4	6.6	3.3	4.1	2.2
	Dec '02	4.2	6.1	3.0	4.0	2.1
	Mar '03	4.1	6.0	2.5	4.0	2.0
	Jun '03	3.6	5.0	2.3	3.6	1.7
	Sep '03	2.6	4.2	1.9	2.5	1.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

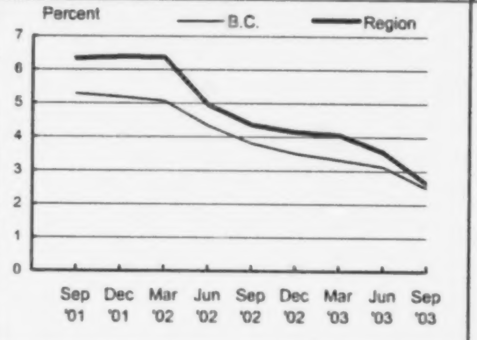
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.8	2.4	3.2	1.5	Sep '01
4.2	3.0	4.8	2.8	Dec '01
4.2	3.0	4.9	2.9	Mar '02
2.9	1.7	3.5	1.6	Jun '02
2.7	1.2	3.3	1.7	Sep '02
3.9	2.2	4.6	2.5	Dec '02
3.7	2.0	4.5	2.3	Mar '03
2.4	1.5	2.9	1.4	Jun '03
2.5	2.1	3.0	1.3	Sep '03

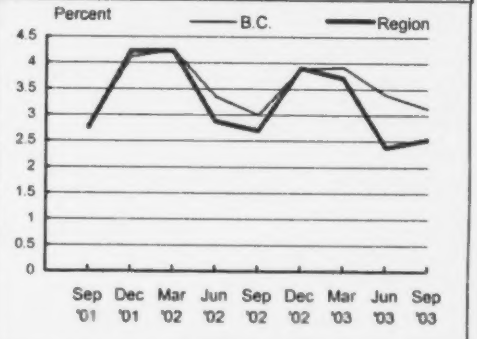
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	567	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	51.5	46.1
1-2 Years	12.7	14.9
>2 Years	35.8	39.0

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

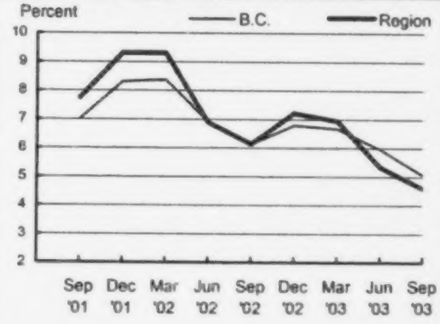
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Sep '01	7.7	8.1	8.8	3.7
	Dec '01	9.3	8.1	10.6	5.3
	Mar '02	9.3	7.7	10.8	5.1
	Jun '02	6.9	5.5	8.2	3.4
	Sep '02	6.1	4.4	7.3	3.4
	Dec '02	7.2	5.1	8.5	4.3
	Mar '03	6.9	4.4	8.4	4.0
	Jun '03	5.3	3.6	6.4	3.0
	Sep '03	4.6	3.9	5.5	2.3

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Sunshine Coast
Regional District

13 Demographics

This area has generally had positive net migration, particularly in the mid-nineties. In the last 25 years the population of the region has more than doubled. Since the region is a popular place to retire, the median age of the population is substantially higher than the provincial median. The ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is higher than the ratio for British Columbia as a whole. The total fertility rate is slightly higher than the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The proximity to the Lower Mainland and the promise of improvements to the transportation network will likely result in more population growth in this area. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, there will likely be increasing inflows of retirees to the area. The projection is for strong, sustained population growth over the duration of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

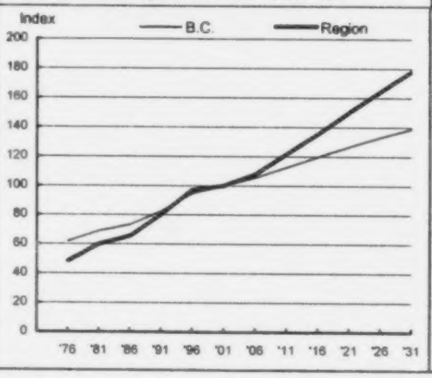
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	0.9	2.7	1.3	3.3	3.0	1.7	12.8	4.8	0.466	0.219	0.685	1976
1981	1.1	2.8	1.6	4.7	3.5	2.3	15.9	6.2	0.402	0.233	0.634	1981
1986	1.2	2.9	1.2	5.2	3.8	3.0	17.4	7.2	0.404	0.290	0.694	1986
1991	1.4	3.6	1.4	6.6	4.8	3.6	21.3	8.7	0.390	0.284	0.674	1991
1996	1.6	4.5	1.5	7.4	6.3	4.4	25.8	10.8	0.401	0.289	0.690	1996
2001	1.2	4.6	1.5	6.5	7.9	4.8	26.6	11.6	0.361	0.303	0.665	2001
2006	1.0	4.3	2.5	6.1	9.2	5.6	28.6	13.4	0.299	0.313	0.612	2006
2011	1.3	4.1	2.8	7.2	10.3	6.6	32.4	15.9	0.264	0.326	0.590	2011
2016	1.6	4.1	2.9	8.5	10.7	8.3	36.0	18.3	0.256	0.377	0.633	2016
2021	1.9	4.6	2.7	10.1	10.8	9.9	39.9	20.2	0.275	0.419	0.694	2021
2026	2.2	5.3	2.7	11.4	10.8	11.4	43.7	21.7	0.302	0.459	0.761	2026
2031	2.2	6.1	3.0	11.7	11.6	12.7	47.3	23.3	0.318	0.481	0.799	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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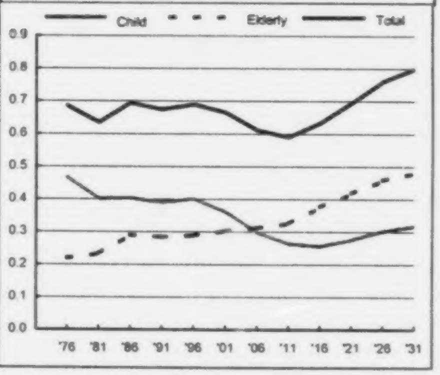

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Chase, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt

Forestry is the main economic activity for this region, particularly in the North Thompson area. In the Kamloops area, mining is another important economic activity. There are two major mines currently operating in the area. The Highland Valley mine at Logan Lake is the largest in the province, employing over 1,000 people. The Blackdome mine near Clinton reopened in 1998 after being closed for seven years, but has since shut down once again due to low gold prices. The mine will likely reopen once prices improve. A development that will have a substantial impact on the population of this region will be the closure of the Highland Valley Mines. The large number of employees at this mine will mean significant population impacts following closure. The mine is scheduled to close sometime around 2009.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2003 NEW!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson-Nicola								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	4,203	4,267	396	135	21	4,819	100.0%		100.0%	158,470
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	433	392	19	7	0	418	8.7%		5.4%	8,490
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	23	11	3	1	1	16	0.3%		0.5%	726
22	Utilities	5	7	1	1	0	9	0.2%		0.1%	159
23	Construction	698	523	32	18	0	573	11.9%		10.9%	17,206
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	135	167	21	14	4	206	4.3%		5.2%	8,318
41	Wholesale Trade	132	184	25	7	0	216	4.5%		6.5%	10,291
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	297	526	55	21	3	605	12.6%		11.5%	18,280
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	267	263	20	8	1	292	6.1%		4.6%	7,342
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	26	31	6	3	0	40	0.8%		1.5%	2,388
52	Finance & Insurance	211	130	8	2	0	140	2.9%		3.3%	5,241
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	515	197	12	5	0	214	4.4%		4.6%	7,230
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	404	346	22	4	0	372	7.7%		11.4%	18,089
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	259	49	6	3	0	58	1.2%		2.0%	3,189
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	179	230	13	0	0	243	5.0%		4.9%	7,814
61	Educational Services	39	43	5	2	5	55	1.1%		1.3%	2,007
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	51	339	46	13	3	401	8.3%		8.7%	13,760
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	67	76	12	1	2	91	1.9%		1.8%	2,864
72	Accom. & Food Services	171	329	69	20	1	419	8.7%		7.4%	11,668
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	291	387	13	2	0	402	8.3%		7.9%	12,530
91	Public Administration	-	37	8	3	1	49	1.0%		0.6%	878

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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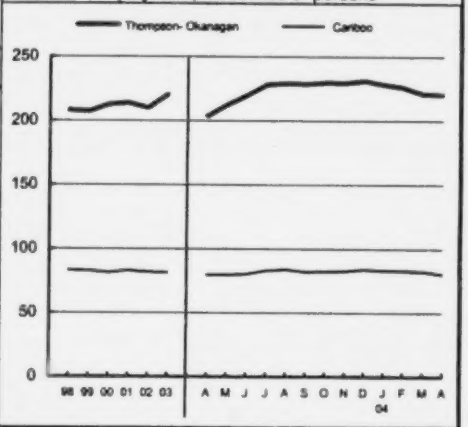
Regional District

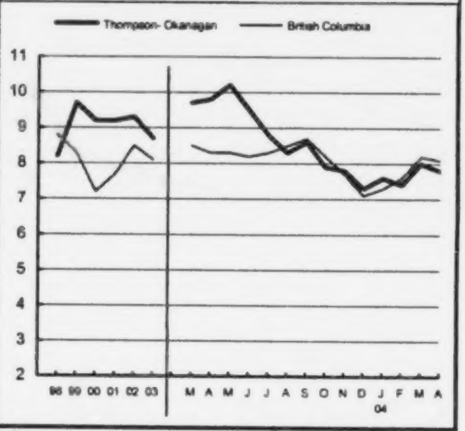
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb	225.8	7.4	83.1	10.7	2,029.3	7.6
	Mar	221.0	8.0	82.6	12.1	2,014.5	8.2
	Apr	220.5	7.8	80.3	13.1	2,011.8	8.1
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Apr03	202.1	10.1	79.1	12.9	1,977.0	8.5
	Jan-Apr04	221.0	7.9	81.1	12.8	2,015.1	8.1
	% Change	9.3		2.5		1.9	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



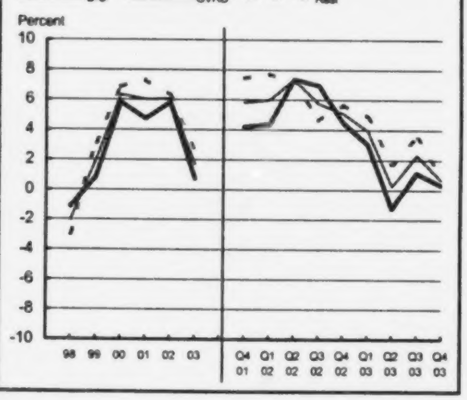
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,955.3	20,139.2	20,816.1	1.7	0.7	2.7
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,816.4	5,299.7	5,516.7	0.7	0.3	1.0

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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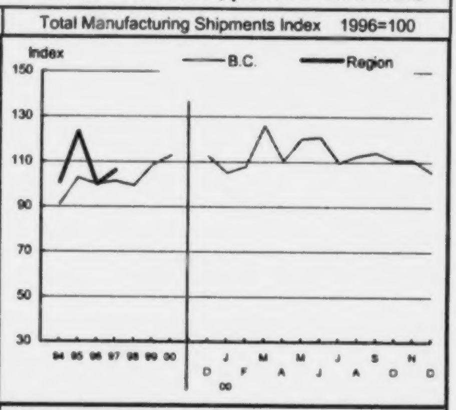
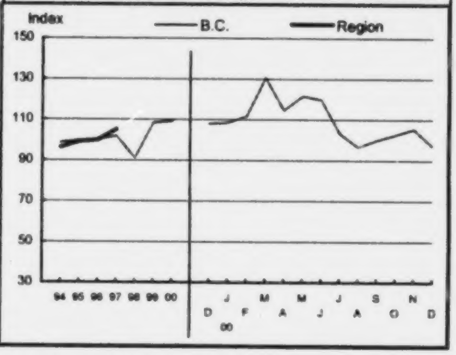
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	2	1
25	Wood	25	25	25	32	31
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	13	13	13	16	16
30	Metal Fabricating	15	15	17	20	19
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	79	83	82	102	100
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	442.4	516.7	532.5	536.9	564.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	396.5	397.2	416.6	427.8
30	Metal Fabricating	10.0	13.6	23.4	23.3	20.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	707.3	945.5	1,155.8	938.4	996.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,807	1,985	2,080	1,833	1,880
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,425	1,586	1,288	1,323
30	Metal Fabricating	126	140	170	162	202
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,280	3,530	3,894	3,657	3,719
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	72.5	86.8	94.7	84.2	90.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	63.0	70.4	59.0	68.2
30	Metal Fabricating	4.1	4.7	6.3	6.8	7.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	144.3	162.8	187.7	169.3	174.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

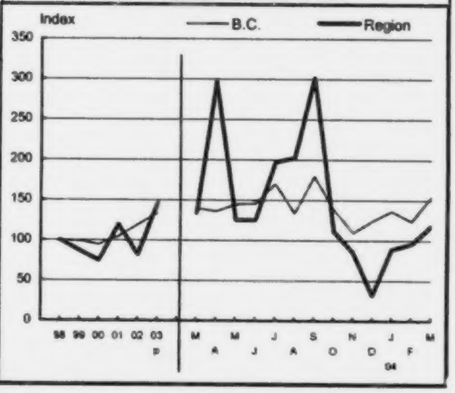


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	163.8	57.1	2.6	62.8	14.9	106.7	1,025
1997	155.2	54.4	15.6	62.0	6.0	100.8	912
1998	119.9	50.7	3.8	58.5	14.6	69.2	524
1999	104.3	44.7	2.6	50.5	6.9	59.6	508
2000	89.4	43.5	4.0	53.4	16.3	45.9	322
2001	143.2	77.3	5.3	36.1	15.9	65.9	568
2002	98.1	42.2	1.1	38.2	10.3	56.0	359
2003 p	175.2	92.0	31.4	39.6	35.2	83.2	551
YTD Mar '03	27.5	9.7	2.6	5.1	1.5	17.8	116
YTD Mar '04	30.2	6.8	0.4	6.7	0.7	23.5	163

Total Permits Index 1998=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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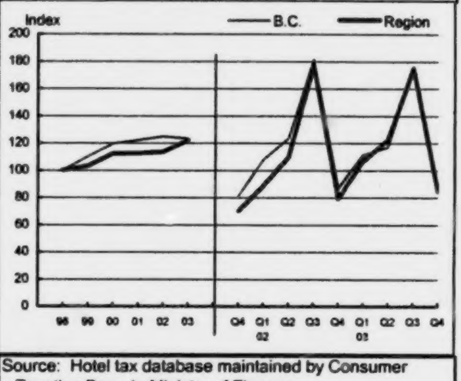
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	1999	47,425.2	8,753.2	11,781.2	19,494.9	7,395.9
	2000	51,556.6	9,449.7	13,075.9	21,000.4	8,030.6
	2001	51,678.4	9,863.9	13,368.1	20,385.4	8,061.0
	2002	52,181.7	10,188.9	12,618.6	20,298.3	9,076.0
	2003	56,053.2	12,272.3	14,064.7	20,055.5	9,660.7
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,485,615.9	335,678.1	352,786.8	531,280.7	265,870.4

2003 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	56,053.2	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,435.3	2.6%
Hotels	24,916.3	44.5%
1-75 Rooms	5,633.6	10.1%
Motels	17,372.1	31.0%
Vacation Rentals	8,186.8	14.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

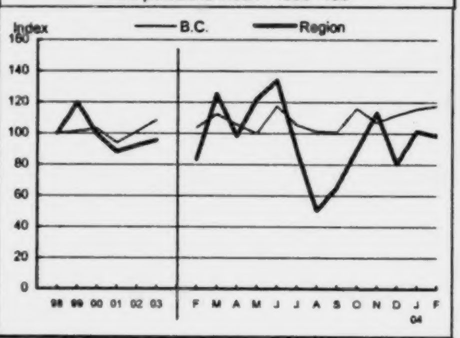


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1996	463
1997	469
1998	403
1999	482
2000	400
2001	355
2002	372
2003	385
Jan-Feb 03	60
Jan-Feb 04	67

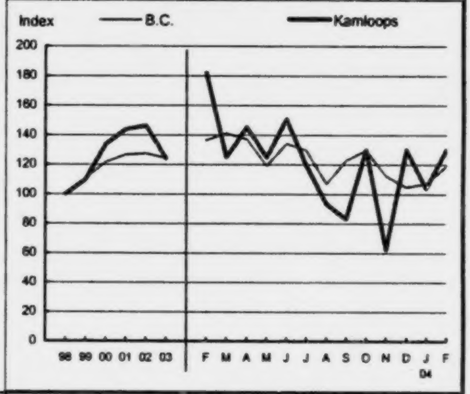
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



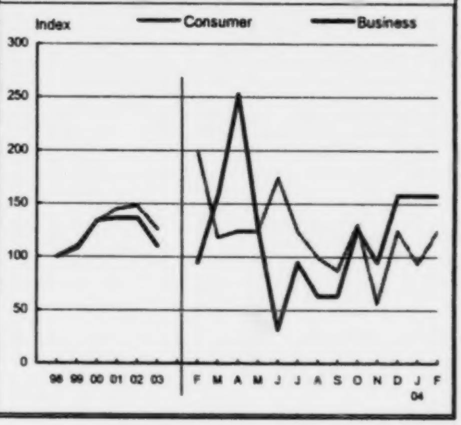
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kamloops		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	213	41	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	258	51	983	148	9,184	980
2001	280	52	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	286	52	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	244	42	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Feb 03	57	5	195	33	1,588	194
Jan-Feb 04	35	10	199	37	1,422	150

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kamloops Indices 1998=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving benefits)	All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Sep '01	7.5	10.8	9.0	6.5	3.5
	Dec '01	7.0	9.9	8.4	6.1	3.2
	Mar '02	6.8	9.6	8.1	6.1	3.1
	Jun '02	5.8	8.4	6.5	5.0	2.7
	Sep '02	4.7	6.8	5.0	4.1	2.3
	Dec '02	4.2	5.9	4.0	3.8	2.0
	Mar '03	4.1	5.9	3.9	3.7	1.9
	Jun '03	3.9	5.9	3.7	3.4	1.9
	Sep '03	3.1	5.2	3.0	2.6	1.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

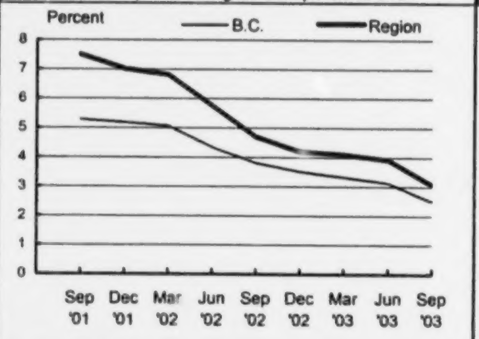
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	3.0	3.6	1.7	Sep '01
5.2	5.4	5.8	2.8	Dec '01
5.7	5.7	6.4	3.1	Mar '02
4.1	4.2	4.5	2.2	Jun '02
3.5	3.6	3.9	1.6	Sep '02
5.1	5.2	5.7	2.7	Dec '02
5.5	5.5	6.2	3.0	Mar '03
4.1	4.0	4.6	2.2	Jun '03
3.8	3.4	4.4	2.1	Sep '03

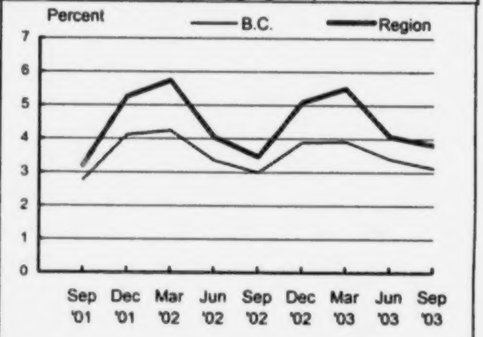
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of September '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,176	88,462
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	53.9	46.1
1-2 Years	13.2	14.9
>2 Years	32.9	39.0

All° Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

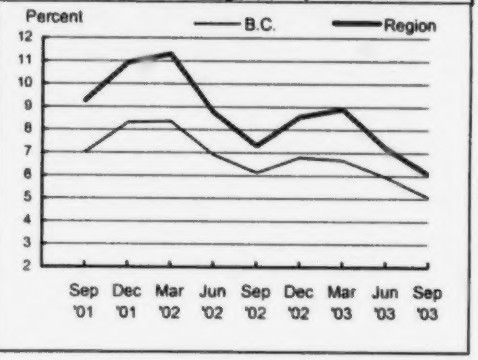
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving assistance)	All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Sep '01	9.3	11.8	9.9	4.7
	Dec '01	10.9	13.5	11.7	5.7
	Mar '02	11.3	13.5	12.2	5.9
	Jun '02	8.8	10.6	9.4	4.7
	Sep '02	7.3	8.5	7.9	4.0
	Dec '02	8.6	9.1	9.4	5.0
	Mar '03	8.9	9.4	9.8	5.1
	Jun '03	7.2	7.6	7.9	4.2
	Sep '03	6.1	6.3	6.9	2.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many regions in British Columbia with a high dependence on the resource sector, this region experienced net migration outflows through the mid-eighties and the late nineties. Otherwise, net migration has been tended to be strongly positive. The gender ratio has recently begun to favour females over males as the population ages and the economy diversifies to include more service oriented employment. The child and elderly dependancy ratios are similar to that of the province, while total fertility rate is marginally lower.

14 Projection

The closure of the Highland Valley Mines affect the population of this area, net migration inflows to the region for several years. However, the diversity of the region's economy will likely mitigate some of the out migration and net migration is expected to tend to be positive and strong. Even though natural increase will likely continue to decrease, lowering the population growth rate, overall positive net migration is expected to contribute to strong population growth by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.0	25.8	12.4	27.7	15.6	4.9	94.4	28.9	0.606	0.088	0.694	1976
1981	8.2	24.4	14.7	33.0	17.9	6.5	104.7	35.1	0.497	0.100	0.597	1981
1986	7.6	21.4	11.4	33.4	19.8	8.2	101.8	36.8	0.450	0.127	0.577	1986
1991	7.4	21.3	10.3	34.8	22.7	10.6	107.1	39.4	0.423	0.157	0.580	1991
1996	7.8	23.7	12.1	38.4	28.3	13.4	123.6	46.6	0.399	0.169	0.569	1996
2001	6.2	22.3	11.9	35.7	33.1	15.8	124.9	50.3	0.354	0.196	0.549	2001
2006	5.6	19.7	12.6	33.6	37.5	18.4	127.4	54.7	0.302	0.220	0.521	2006
2011	6.2	18.3	12.1	35.8	40.7	21.6	134.8	60.1	0.277	0.243	0.520	2011
2016	6.6	18.6	11.8	39.5	41.4	26.1	144.1	65.7	0.272	0.282	0.554	2016
2021	6.6	20.3	10.7	42.7	42.0	30.8	153.0	70.0	0.282	0.323	0.604	2021
2026	6.6	21.1	11.3	43.2	43.4	35.4	160.9	73.9	0.283	0.362	0.645	2026
2031	6.6	21.3	12.3	42.3	46.7	38.7	168.0	78.2	0.275	0.382	0.657	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers, and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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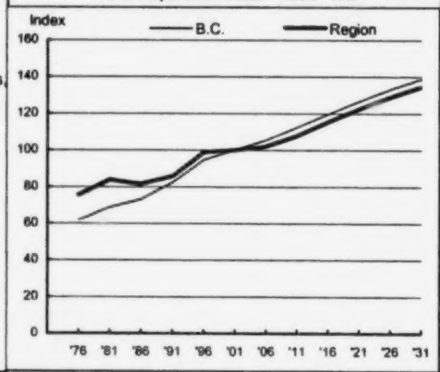
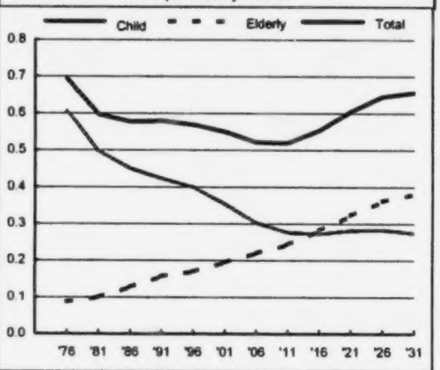


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Appendix - Notes to Data Tables

Geography

This report is organized by geographic region. British Columbia comprises eight **development regions**, which in turn are composed of varying numbers of **regional districts**. The same set of data tables are presented for: the province of British Columbia; each development region, sorted in numeric order according to the code number, and; each regional district, sorted in alphabetic order.

Regional districts are generally equivalent to Statistics Canada's (SC's) census divisions. Readers are cautioned that regional district boundaries are sometimes subject to change. Langley City and Langley District Municipality were transferred to Greater Vancouver Regional District from Central Fraser Valley Regional District in 1989. Peace River-Liard Regional District has been split into Peace River Regional District and Fort Nelson-Liard Regional District. This report now publishes data for the two new northern RDs. The data for the old Peace River-Liard RD will be the same as for Northeast Development Region. In the Spring of 1999 the name of Fort Nelson-Liard RD changed to Norther Rockies RD.

In 1995, a number of changes occurred in the lower mainland: the municipalities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows were moved from Dewdney-Alouette RD into the Greater Vancouver RD. In January 1996, the remnants of Dewdney-Alouette RD amalgamated with the remnants of the Central Fraser Valley RD (Abbotsford and Matsqui) and the Fraser-Cheam RD to form Fraser Valley RD. While this report is organized according to the new boundaries in the Fraser valley, Tables 5 and 8 within RDs 9, and 15 are presented on the basis of add-ups of the most substantial pieces of the former jurisdictions and Table 6 incorporates a noted break in the series.

The list below shows the relationship of regional districts to development regions. The associated census division number is provided for each regional district.

DR 1: Vancouver Island/Coast
- 23 Alberni-Clayoquot
- 17 Capital
- 45 Central Coast
- 25 Comox-Strathcona
- 19 Cowichan Valley
- 43 Mount Waddington
- 21 Nanaimo
- 27 Powell River

DR 2: Mainland/Southwest
- 09 Fraser Valley
- 15 Greater Vancouver
- 31 Squamish-Lillooet
- 29 Sunshine Coast

DR 3: Thompson/Okanagan
- 35 Central Okanagan
- 39 Columbia-Shuswap
- 37 North Okanagan
- 07 Okanagan-Similkameen
- 33 Thompson-Nicola

DR 4: Kootenay
- 03 Central Kootenay
- 01 East Kootenay
- 05 Kootenay Boundary

DR 5: Cariboo
- 41 Cariboo
- 53 Fraser-Fort George

DR 6: North Coast
- 49 Kitimat-Stikine
- 47 Skeena-Queen Charlotte

DR 7: Nechako
- 51 Bulkley-Nechako
- 57 Stikine

DR 8: Northeast
- 55 Peace River
- 59 Northern Rockies

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Table 2: Economic Structure

This table is based on SC's **Business Register**, the central database which is used to frame all their business surveys. This database identifies business **establishments**, which are normally company locations or plants that are able to separately report basic financial statistics. For further information on the definition of an establishment, interested readers are referred to SC's *North American Industry Classification System (Canada 1997)* manual, catalogue 12-501.

Changes to the Business Register in recent years have broadened the coverage of the file. A new 'indeterminate' category of employment size includes sole proprietorships and those firms without paid employment.

Table 3: Employment and unemployment rate (LFS)

The data for this table comes from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) by Statistics Canada. The series presented here are three-month moving average, actual. This presentation minimizes the volatility inherent in small samples and sample rotation. Data are only available for BC, development regions and the Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA) of Vancouver and Victoria. Vancouver CMA is identical to the 1996 Census boundaries of Greater Vancouver Regional District. Victoria CMA is equivalent to Capital Regional District less Subdivision A (the Gulf Islands) and Subdivision D (Port Renfrew) and the Indian Reserves associated with these areas.

Table 4: Retail Sales

We publish SC figures for British Columbia and Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area and calculate the difference as "Rest of Province". Since the new boundaries for Greater Vancouver Regional District coincide with the Vancouver CMA boundaries, the GVRD data in *QRS* is for the new RD boundaries.

SC publishes estimates of monthly and quarterly retail sales for each province by up to 16 **retail trade groups**. This estimate includes only retail sales by firms that are SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) coded to **major group 60, Retail Trade**. The province and Greater Vancouver retail trade totals used in this report are these published numbers, based on the **monthly survey**. The annual survey results differ from the monthly estimates and are not used in this report.

Table 5: Manufacturing Principal Statistics

This table provides selected **principal statistics** based on surveys conducted by SC. Similar sub-provincial data was published by SC in the catalogued publication 31-209 up to and including the 1986 reference year. SC has now released for publication principal statistics for 1992. We have suppressed data where there is the possibility of disclosure of confidential information. There are some differences in the detail of information available to *BC STATS* and to SC. In addition, the suppression preferrences chosen, at our request, have worked against some of the data that *QRS* chooses to publish. More specific industry detail is preserved at the expense of major group roll-ups. This has resulted in the complete suppression of six regional districts and hence the four development regions that include them for the 1992 year and later. As the sub-provincial data is available on an annual basis only, it is supplemented by annual and monthly shipments for the same industries at the provincial level. Monthly shipment data are published in SC 31-001 and, in more detail on CANSIM, which is the

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electronic data base we used to update the series:

D315351 - Canada, total, all manufact'ing
D315497 - Canada, wood industries
D321241 - B.C., total, all manufacturing
D321243 - B.C., food industries
D321387 - B.C., wood industries
D321390 - B.C., sawmill & planing mill
D321431 - B.C., fabricated metal products

Table 6: Building Permits

SC collects building permit data from municipal and regional district offices. Data for many rural areas is incomplete or non-existent. Further, not all building projects require a building permit, and not all projects with a permit proceed or are completed.

As in other series, when at least six months data are available for the current year, a projection of the annual total is provided. However, as non-residential permits are subject to wide variation, projections of industrial, commercial, and institutional & government permits are limited to 130% of the current year-to-date value whenever the current year-to-date figure is more than double the figure for the same period in the previous year. The 130% ceiling has been arbitrarily chosen as suitable when data for six months remain to be released in the current year. As the end of the year is approached a lower ceiling is appropriate. The ceiling is reduced 5% per month as the number of months remaining until the end of the year decreases.

Table 7: Tourism Room Revenue

This table is intended to measure **tourism activity** but includes business travel and other uses of accommodation. The data is based on remittances of hotel room tax to the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Not all accommodation activity is measured as the statutory requirement is that the tax must be remitted when the establishment has four or more rooms, and no tax is required for a duration of stay of at least one month. This has the effect of excluding many **bed and breakfasts** and **residential hotels**.

Table 8: Incorporations

Tables 8 and 9 are intended to provide an indication of business formation and failure.

Data on incorporations comes from the Ministry of Finance and Corporations. The weakness on the formation side is the failure to include partnerships, extra-provincially incorporated companies, and new sole proprietorship business ventures.

Table 9: Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

We receive bankruptcy data from the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada, Ottawa. The data are geographically coded to urban centres where appropriate and the balance to a 'non-urban' category. Data for Vancouver and Victoria are for the Census Metropolitan Areas.

Bankruptcy is an extreme form of business failure. Most unsuccessful businesses simply wind down and cease operations. While the level of these series may be of questionable value, the charted region vs. province comparison does provide some useful information.

Table 10: BC Benefits

The **basic BC Benefits** caseload is used to generate recipient data by age and family structure. The BC Benefit program replaced the Income Assistance program in 1996. We have chosen recipient groups that match the

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previously published Income Assistance data to achieve continuity.These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. INCLUDED are Youth Works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. EXCLUDED are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined in these reports as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include aboriginal people living on reserve. A dash '-' identifies data too small to release.

Table 11: Unemployment

Measures of regional unemployment are only available historically for nine **economic regions** defined by SC. Starting with January, 1995, the **Labour Force Survey** (LFS) is compiled for the eight development regions defined by the provincial government. The LFS samples appropriately in these regions to derive local measures of unemployment. As a proxy for small area unemployment rates, *BC STATS*, using data from Human Resources Development Canada (HRD), estimates the ratio of Employment Insurance beneficiaries as a percent of the working age population in a region. (See also, Table 2)

Table 12: Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

The data described for tables 10 and 11 are combined to provide a more complete picture of regional reliance on the "safety net."

Beginning in June 1997, the combined BC Benefit+EI rate in this report has been adjusted to count only once those persons receiving both Employment Insurance and BC Benefits. Therefore use caution when comparing data to pre June 1997 data. This adjustment resulted in an overall decrease of 0.3 percentage points to the BC rate in June 1997.

Table 15: Demographic Characteristics

Population growth can be a measure of the economic well being of an area. *BC STATS* projects population for **local health areas** (approx. 80 in the province) and for **regional districts**. This data is available in considerable detail in print and electronic formats. See the description of regional data products elsewhere in this report.